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Fahd attends graduation of National Guard group

RIYADH, Dec. 20 (SPA)— Crown Prince Fahd presided over the graduation ceremony of the 3rd Joint Armed Division of the Kingdom's National Guard in Khassm Al-An Wednesday.

The crown prince, who was accompanied by Riyadh Governor Prince Sulman, was received on arrival by Prince

Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard and a number of Guard officials.

In a welcoming speech, division commander Capt. Suleiman Al-Zu'air, lauded government efforts in developing the National Guard and raising the standard of its personnel from all aspects.

He paid tribute to Prince Abdullah, his deputy Prince Badr and other Guard officials for their concerted efforts in training the graduating division.

Capt. Zu'air's speech was followed by a military parade by members of the division. After the ceremony, Prince (Continued on back page)



King Khaled

Khaled receives Chinese minister

RIYADH, Dec. 20 (SPA)— King Khaled received Chinese Minister of Communications Chen Chu-shi at the royal palace here Wednesday.

Present at the audience were Dr. Rashad Pharaon, the King's special adviser and Sheikh Hussein Mansouri, minister of communications.

Later in the day, the Chinese minister conferred with Dr. Ibrahim Obaid, PTT undersecretary for telegraph affairs, on ways of reinforcing cooperation in telecommunications.



REVIEW GUARDS: Crown Prince Fahd and Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah during Wednesday's Guards graduation ceremony.

Dayan, Khalil to meet in Europe soon

TEL AVIV, Dec. 20 (Agencies)— Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil will meet in Europe in the next day or two to discuss how to resume the stalled Israel-Egypt peace talks, a spokesman for Prime Minister Menachem Begin said Wednesday.

Dayan left Wednesday afternoon for Brussels for what was described as a three-day trip to meet members of the European Council of Ministers and Israeli ambassadors. At the airport Dayan told reporters he knew of no plans for meeting Arab figures.

But a few hours later spokesman Shlomo Nakdimon told the Associated Press that Dayan would meet Khalil "tomorrow or the day after" in Europe and they would discuss "how to make future negotiations."

A second official said Begin himself was expected to make an announcement at the latter later.

The last real negotiations between the countries were held in November. U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance made a swing through the Middle East a week ago but found the two sides unable to agree on whether the treaty should be linked to progress toward a solution of the Palestinian issue.

As Vance's mission failed, the two countries missed the Dec. 17 deadline for signing a peace treaty, and President

Carter appeared to turn his attention to the opening of relations with China and a crucial round of talks with the Soviet Union on strategic arms limitation.

Most observers had expected a cooling-off period of several weeks before Washington tried to get Israel and Egypt talking again.

In Washington, diplomatic sources said Wednesday Vance plans to meet Egyptian and Israeli negotiators in Brussels Saturday.

A State Department spokesman, Hodding Carter III, would not comment on the report.

Vance left Wednesday night for Geneva, where he is scheduled to meet Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko for a continuation of the negotiations toward a SALT II treaty on limiting nuclear arms.

The sources said Vance plans to meet Saturday in Brussels with Dayan and Mustafa Khalil.

Vance returned to Washington Friday after failing to achieve an Egyptian-Israeli agreement on a peace treaty.

Vance's efforts left the Israeli government angry at what it considered to be undue U.S. pressure, and the Israeli Knesset Tuesday backed up the government in rejecting Israel's attempts to pressure Israel to meet Egyptian demands before ratifying the Camp David peace accords.

In another development Israel has stopped a limited military evacuation of the occupied Sinai peninsula because of the collapse of its peace treaty talks with Egypt, Defense ministry officials said Wednesday. Withdrawal of non-combatant items such as fence building equipment was

halted by orders of Defense Minister Ezer Weizman several days ago.

"With the current impasse in peace talks, there is no point in continuing the pullback," a defense ministry official said.

The defense ministry official said the beginning of evacuation ahead of time was designed to enable the army to meet the nine-month deadline, once peace was reached.

The official said, however, work was continuing on new military sites in Israel's southern Negev Desert where the country's army will be deployed when peace is secured.

Meanwhile, the Israeli "Peace Now" Movement is planning to hold a series of demonstrations urging the government to adopt more moderate positions in peace negotiations and to give up any claims to the West Bank.

Peace now leaders told a news conference Wednesday the government's policy was destroying Israel's credibility in Egyptian eyes.

The movement gained widespread support before the Camp David accords were signed in its campaign against the hard-line attitudes toward Middle East peace originally adopted by Begin.

Vzali Reshef, spokesman for the group told reporters the group does not think Israel should give in to the latest demands from Egypt, but it should declare its readiness to reach a settlement on issues beyond the bilateral treaty with Egypt.

"We want the government to declare there will be no new settlements on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, while the negotiations are going on," Reshef said.

PLO vows revenge Israel raids refugee camps

BEIRUT, Dec. 20 (Agencies)— Waves of Israeli warplanes attacked Palestinian refugee camps in South Lebanon Wednesday and the Palestinian high command vowed swift revenge.

A communiqué said two civilians were killed and 11 wounded in the 40-minute strikes at two refugee camps and a civilian village along an 18-mile stretch of South Lebanon's coastal highway.

The communiqué identified the targets as the refugee

camp of Bourj el Shimali and the Wasta Refugee Camp at Qassimiyyeh on the eastern and northern outskirts of the port of Tyre, 50 miles south of Beirut.

The third target was identified as the civilian village of Dahr el Bourj, seven miles south east of Sidon, midway between Tyre and Beirut.

"Eight enemy jets participated in the criminal attack against all three civilian targets, killing one Palestinian woman and one man and wounding 11, including a

child," the communiqué said. The communiqué ridiculed Israel's claim that the raid was a retaliation for 14 Palestinian attacks that killed four persons and wounded 67 in the past month.

"This enemy claim cannot justify massive air raids against civilians. This criminal vengeance will not go unpunished," the communiqué said. "Our revolutionary fighters in occupied territories and elsewhere know how to retaliate swiftly. They cannot be terrorized by enemy terror."

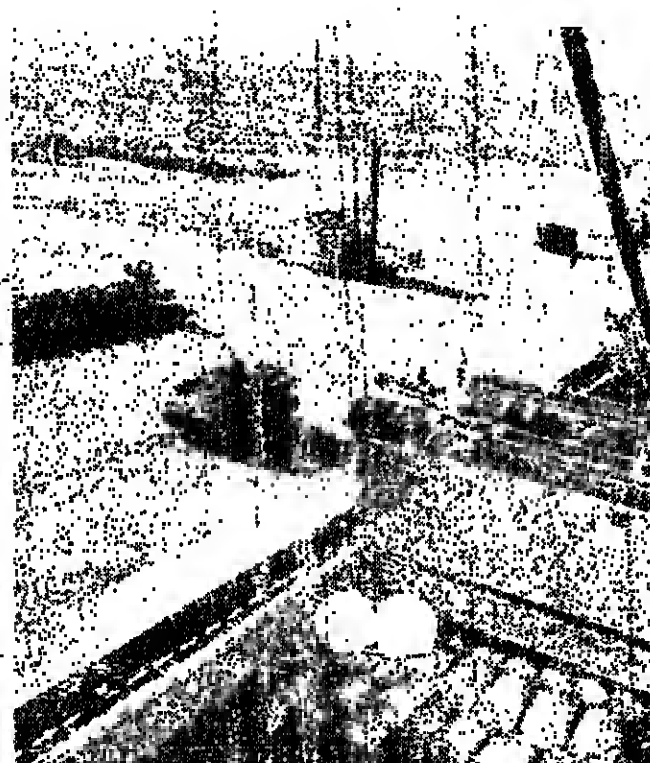
An official at the Palestine news agency Wafa also said

Israeli warplanes raided areas around the southern city of Tyre and that Israeli gunboats shelled commando positions near the town of Sarafand. About 12 miles (20 km) to the north of the city.

"Certainly we have casualties," he said. "They're not throwing rice."

He said that the attack began at about 4 p.m. (1400 GMT) and lasted nearly an hour, until 4:55 p.m.

"In a very systematic way, formations of Israeli warplanes raided Qassimiyyeh. (Continued on back page)



PEACE PATROL: A Lebanese army armored personnel carrier patrol newly opened Beirut Port Wednesday as cargo is offloaded at the port, closed for over six months due to the conflict there. (Wirephoto)

Cabinet shuffled

Lebanese army chief made defense minister

BEIRUT, Dec. 20 (Agencies)— President Elias Sarkis Wednesday named army chief Maj. Gen. Victor Khoury as defense minister in what was seen as a bid to strengthen the prestige of the fledgling 9,000-man regular forces.

Foreign Minister Fouad Boutros gave up the defense portfolio to make the move possible, saying he wished to devote himself exclusively to foreign affairs. Khoury will retain his position as army commander.

After a cabinet meeting presided over by Sarkis, Boutros told reporters he had "given up" the defense portfolio.

"This strengthens the prestige of the army at a time when it has been involved in a number of clashes with the right-wing militias," said one political source.

"It is also likely to make parliamentary approval of a new army bill easier since Khoury is a Maronite, enjoys the confidence of Sarkis and

will supervise the application of the law."

The cabinet also accepted the resignation of Michael Douma as industry and oil minister.

Douma, who has differed with colleagues over a number of issues related to restoring peace in Lebanon, tendered his resignation two months ago. But it was shelved at that time because of clashes between right-wing militias and Syrian troops attached to the Arab peacekeeping force.

Assaad Rizk — minister of labor and social affairs, fine arts, agriculture and education — will take over Douma's portfolio. His own duties as agriculture minister will in turn be assumed by Amin Bizri, minister of public works, transport and tourism.

Prime Minister Salim Hoss told parliament Tuesday his government failed to re-establish security in Lebanon because of the lack of law-enforcing bodies in areas beyond the jurisdiction of the peace force.

Mob violence erupts

15,000 Gandhi supporters arrested

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20 (Agencies)— Five persons were killed and about 15,000 arrested Wednesday when supporters of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi protested against her jailing and expulsion from parliament.

The United News of India said three persons were killed in Bangalore, South India, when police opened fire to disperse stone-throwing mobs. Two demonstrators were killed in clashes in Kerala state, on the southeastern coast.

Incidents of arson were reported in a number of places including Bombay and Bangalore where buses and railway cars were destroyed by protesters. A Bombay policeman was doused with gasoline and set ablaze, but a hospital said later he was out of danger.

Reports from state capitals said at least 15,000 persons have been arrested since Mrs.

Gandhi was taken to Delhi's Tihar jail late Tuesday, UNI said. Most apparently "volunteered" arrest, a common Indian political tactic, by violating bans on street protests and cheerfully climbing into police trucks.

About 2,500 members of the para-military border security force have been brought into the Indian capital in case of a major outbreak of violence.

Mrs. Gandhi, meanwhile, spent the day quietly reading in a special cell at Tihar jail and received a meal prepared by her daughter-in-law, Sonia, the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported.

The lower house of parliament (Lok Sabha) voted Tuesday to have Mrs. Gandhi, her private secretary and the former director of the Central Bureau of Investigation imprisoned for harassing officials trying to gather information

for parliament on her son Sanjay's small car manufacturing project.

She was also expelled from parliament, only one month winning re-election to the house in a hard-fought southern Indian by-election. She is not, however, prevented from running again for office.

The motion against Mrs. Gandhi, introduced by Prime Minister Morarji Desai, specified she should remain in jail until the current parliamentary session ends.

That could be until Friday, when parliament adjourns, or up to several weeks, depending on when the house is prorogued by President N.S. Reddy.

As the violence raged Wednesday business houses and shops closed their shutters in Bangalore in South India and in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad as violent Indira Congress Party supporters marched through the streets throwing stones and trying to start fires.

The upper house (Rajya Sabha) adjourned Wednesday without conducting any business because of uproar by Mrs. Gandhi's party members over her arrest. The lower house

also had to be adjourned for a brief period.

In the upper house, Congress party members seized the public address microphone and shouted such slogans as "dictatorship will not be tolerated."

November oil exports 9.6m b/d

JEDDAH, Dec. 20 (SPA)— Saudi oil exports reached 9,645,669 barrels a day in Nov. compared to 8,882,558 b/d in October, Deputy Oil Minister Abdul Aziz Al-Turki said Wednesday.

Dr. Turki said Aramco's exports were 9,378,117 million barrels a day; Arabian Oil Company 221,900 b/d and Getty Oil Co. 45,652 b/d for November.

November's average exports were still higher than the 8 million barrels a day figure budgeted at constant prices for fiscal June-1978-June 1979.

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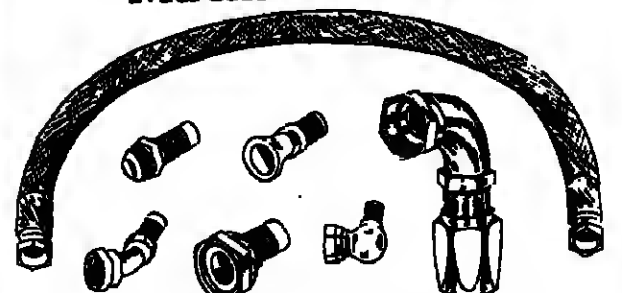
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AOI names successor to Ashraf Marwan

RIYADH, Dec. 20 (Agencies)— Faisal Bin Sultan Al-Qasbi of the United Arab Emirates has been appointed acting chairman of the board of the Arab Organization for Industrialization (AOI) — the Egyptian based arms manufacturing Arab consortium. Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan said here Wednesday.

Prince Sultan is chairman of the Higher Arab Committee for War Industrialization. Qasbi replaced Dr. Ashraf Marwan.

Prince Sultan's committee accepted Marwan's resignation and praised his services to the AOI.

The AOI is a multimillion dollar consortium formed by the governments of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt in 1975 to set up an arms industry.

The three Gulf countries contributed \$740 million in paid up capital while Egypt contributed \$260 million in the form of existing factory space.

The AOI has become well established, and is now producing rockets, aerial bombs, armored vehicles and small arms.

Qasbi, a member of the AOI board under Marwan, was elevated to chairman by a decision of the war industrialization committee consisting of the defense ministers of the four consortium partner-states.

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Steel mill agreement will be signed before February, Zamel says

By a Staff Reporter
RIYADH, Dec. 20 — The Saudi Basic Industries Corporation will sign an agreement with a German firm for the construction of the Kingdom's first iron ore processing plant by February, SABIC Deputy Chairman Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel told "Al-Jazirah" in an interview published Wednesday.

The direct-reduction plant, at Jubail is designed to produce 850,000 metric tons of steel bars per year once it enters full production and is planned to be a joint venture of SABIC and the Korf Stahl company of Baden-Baden, West Germany.

Zamel told "Al-Jazirah" that Saudi domestic consumption of steel will amount to 800,000 tons a year by 1982, the target date for the completion of the mill.

Officials involved in the negotiations between SABIC and Korf Stahl were reported as saying recently that progress had been held up by Korf Stahl's reluctance to accept 50 per cent of the equity, which is the basis for SABIC's nego-

tiations with other western companies for petrochemical industries.

However, the West German government through DEG, an agency for economic cooperation, is understood to have entered the negotiations with the intention of sharing in the project's equity.

First discussions on the direct-reduction plant began in 1976 with Wm Korf, a principal inventor of the Mährex process and founder of Korf Stahl. A 1.6 million ton-a-year export plant was suggested then.

When a letter of intent was signed between SABIC and the German company last year, output was lowered to supply only domestic consumption. Plans now call for the production of 800,000 tons of sponge iron a year which will be mixed with scrap and converted to 850,000 tons of steel "billets" — heavy square bars.

Cost of the project was recently estimated at \$300,000. Zamel said that SABIC has already sent a number of Saudis to Germany and the United States for training in different parts of the industry.

Third Plan's main lines readied by ministry unit

JEDDAH, Dec. 20 — "Al-Jazirah" also reported Wednesday that the broad outlines of the Third Five-Year Development Plan have been drawn up by a 14-member all-Saudi committee.

The paper quoted Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer as saying that the outlines for the plan, which will be launched in mid-1980, are complete and will be presented to the Council of Ministers shortly.

Actual detailed work on the plan will require the assistance of foreign experts, Sheikh Hisham said. Deputy Planning Minister Dr. Faisal Bashir spelled out this assistance as

"the kind that Japan provides the United States in certain industries and vice-versa".

The Third Plan will pay particular attention to the outskirts and suburbs of the cities, Bashir said.

Asked about recent complaints of bid overpricing by American or European firms, Bashir said "all we care is that the bids be reasonable, whatever the nationality of the bidder — Asian, American, European or even Arab". Anyway, Saudi companies now rank sixth in the number of contracts executed here according to estimates from abroad, he said.



FRONTIERSMEN: Brig. Nejmaddin Zaidan, commander of the Iraqi Frontier Forces meets officers of the Saudi Coast Guard during an inspection tour in Jeddah Wednesday.

Housing parley told

Training abroad may not be answer

By Mary Jo McCoskey
DHAHRAN, Dec. 20 —

Developing countries like Saudi Arabia should do more training of housing and construction professionals at home, one expert told the international conference on Housing Problems in Developing Countries here Wednesday.

Training abroad is undesirable when the engineer or architect becomes used to techniques that are costly, unsuitable or unavailable at home and when he loses touch with local conditions, he told the audience of housing specialists at the University of Petroleum and Minerals.

In a keynote speech on the third day of the conference and later in an interview with "Arab News", Prof. Fred Monvazadeh, director of the Technical Adaptation Institute at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology also said that MIT's experience and other reports indicated that the present practice of extended study abroad "does not answer the needs" of students from developing countries.

Because educated technicians are in short supply at home, these students may return and quickly find themselves in positions of major responsibility for government programs.

Their training fails to take this into account.

Students from Saudi Arabia and elsewhere doing graduate work in the United States may find themselves competing for research topics or taking the same courses as students who cannot expect positions nearly so elevated or responsible so great, he said.

In an afternoon session, delegates heard an American sociologist suggest that compound living, so prevalent in Saudi Arabia and other developing countries with large expatriate workforces, may actually be detrimental to national goals.

Dr. John Parsinnen, a Middle Eastern specialist who now teaches at UPM, suggested that the compounds, which are often self-supporting in facilities and invariably Western in design have actually become models for local populations.

More Saudis are moving into these compounds or building their own with private funds—a possible trend toward a class-conscious and segregated environment, he said.

Twenty-five papers were delivered Wednesday and about the same number are planned for Thursday. Among speakers Thursday are Dr. Ibrahim A.

Al-Moneem, director general of the Real Estate Development Fund and Dr. Talal A. Bakr, dean of the College of Engineering at Riyadh University.

Dr. Saleh Al-Malik, deputy minister of municipal and rural affairs, will deliver the keynote address Thursday. Friday's session will be opened by Dr. Abdul-Latif Kanoo, Bahraini deputy housing minister.

Bill stickers face prosecution

JEDDAH, Dec. 20 — Bill stickers on flyovers in Jeddah are to be prosecuted, Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi has announced.

"Okaz" newspaper reported Wednesday that the mayor had declared the practice an offense as defacing the city and making extra work for the municipality.

The municipality will have the posters and bills removed and penalize stickers, by fines or imprisonment, for future offense.

Vatican meeting seen step to relations

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 20 (UPI) — Pope John Paul II received Saudi Ambassador to Italy Khaled Nasser Al-Turki in a private audience Tuesday. In what observers said may be a step towards establishing diplomatic relations between Saudi Arabia and the Vatican.

The Vatican newspaper "L'Osservatore Romano," in a background article about Saudi Arabia, noted the religious significance of the Holy City of Mecca for hundreds of millions of Muslims and said: "The international community, in its part, looks to Saudi Arabia with growing interest, not only because of its economic power, but also for the prestige it has earned thanks to the equilibrium and far-sightedness of its leaders."

Local Briefs

● JIZAN, (SPA) — A committee from the Ministry of Agriculture and Water and the Agricultural Credit Bank Wednesday inspected Farasan Island off Jizan to appraise the needs of cultivators and fishermen.

● JEDDAH, (SPA) — Twenty-seven secondary schools opened at the beginning of the academic year to bring the Kingdom's total to 174, the Education Ministry said Wednesday.

● JEDDAH — Fourteen persons were admitted to the King's Hospital in Medina Tuesday, some in serious condition, after their GMC vehicle collided with a petrol tanker on the Medina-Jeddah road. "Al-Bilad" reported Wednesday. Six ambulances took them to Medina.

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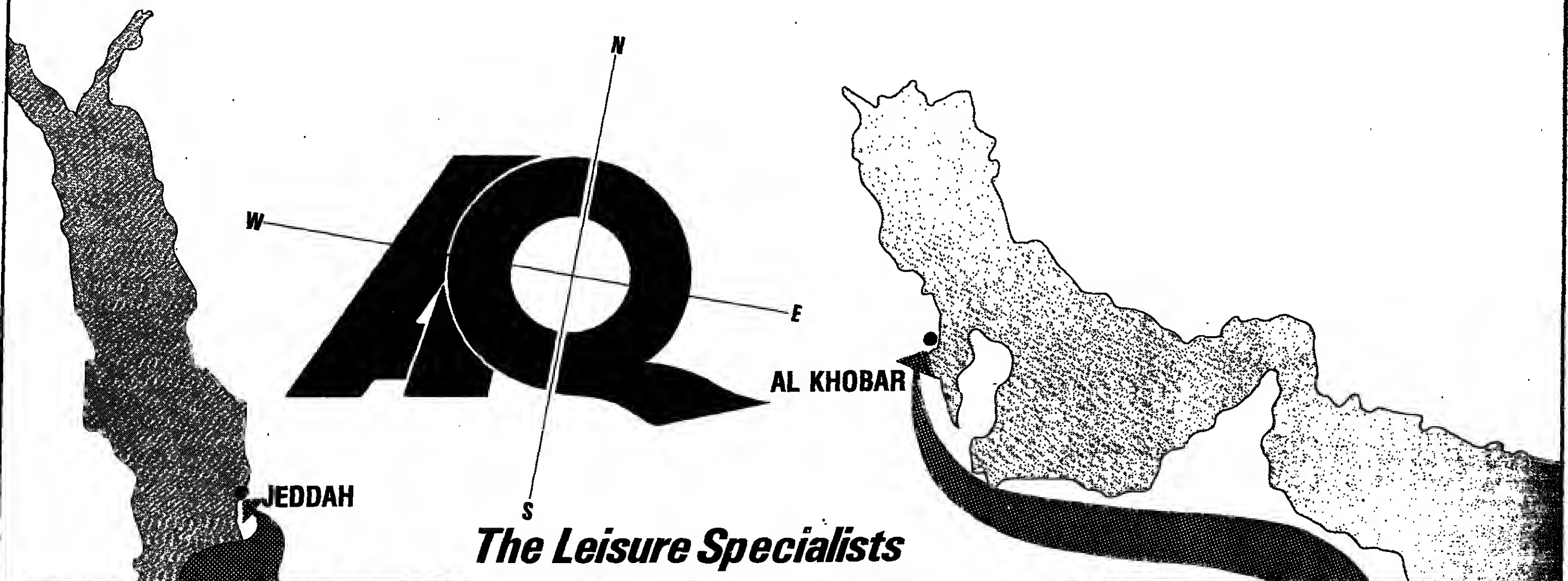
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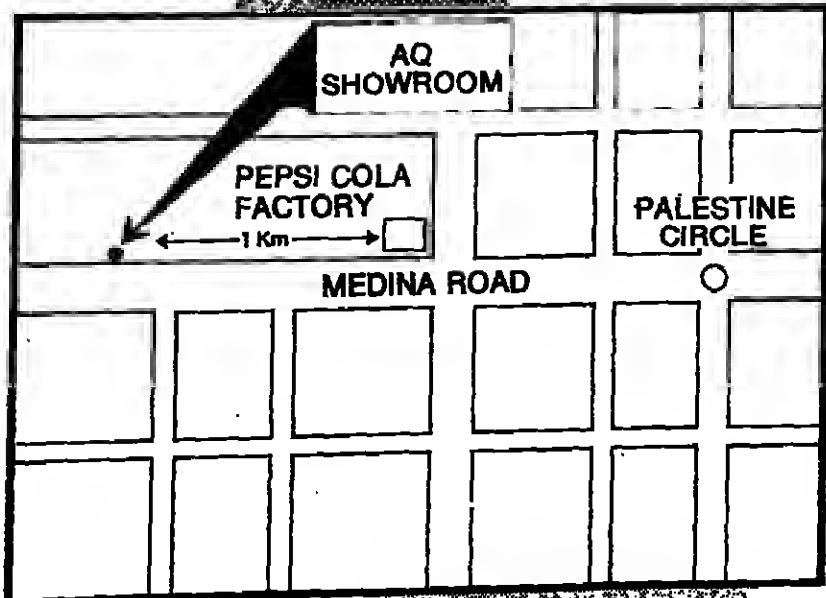
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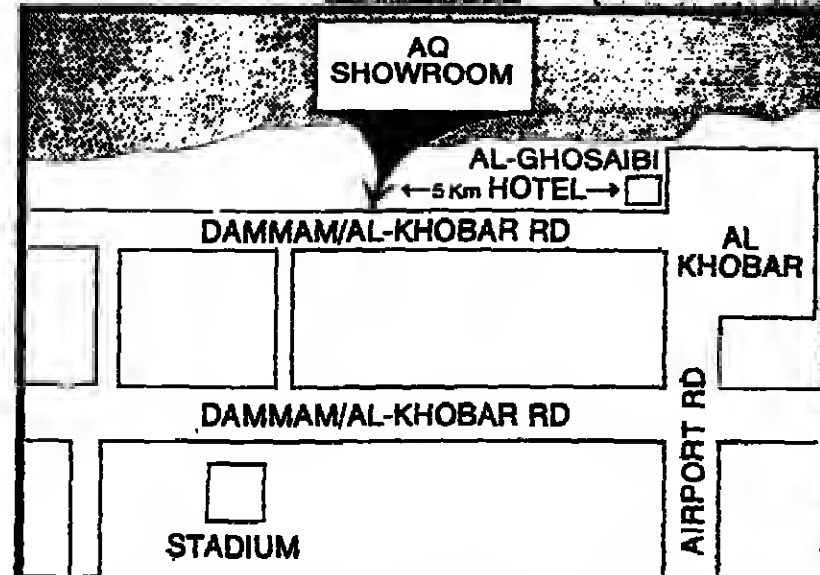
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Hussein says: Arabs ready for all-party peace talks

LONDON, Dec. 20 (R) — King Hussein of Jordan has spoken of another Arab initiative to find a Middle East peace agreement.

Briefing British journalists here Tuesday night, the king did not go into details but raised several possible steps.

He said Arab countries generally were ready for all-party peace talks.

The king also raised the possibility of the United Nations reaffirming and redefining the 1967 Resolution 242, widely regarded as a basis for a Middle East settlement.

Since a Baghdad summit of all Arab states except Egypt condemned Egyptian-Israeli peace moves, the king has spent much time briefing West European leaders.



King Hussein

With the United States so closely involved in the stalled Egyptian-Israeli dialogue, the king appeared to suggest that perhaps Britain and West Europe could have some sort of role in peace endeavors.

Murder conviction based on lies, Bhutto tells court

RAWALPINDI, Dec. 20 (R) — Condemned ex-Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto told the Pakistan Supreme Court Wednesday his conviction for conspiring to murder a political opponent was based on lies.

Bhutto, 50, who is in the closing stages of an appeal against his conviction and death sentence, attacked the reliability and credibility of Masood Mahmood, former chief of the para-military federal security force who turned witness against him to return for a pardon.

"If I am a compulsive liar," Bhutto said, quoting the earlier judgment of the Lahore High Court where he was convicted, "then he (Mr. Mahmood) is a congenital liar."

The ex-premier will complete his four days of submissions Thursday with illustrations of the bias he alleges was shown against him by the high court when it convicted him

last March of conspiring to murder politician Ahmed Raza Kasuri four years ago.

He was also sentenced to hang for murdering Kasuri's father, Nawab Muhammad Ahmed Kasuri.

"The burden of proof was shifted on to me and the benefit of the doubt was given to the prosecution and not to the defendant," he said Wednesday.

The supreme court can release Bhutto, confirm the sentence, reduce it or can order a retrial. Pakistan's military ruler, Gen. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq, has said he would abide by the court's ruling.

Bhutto arrived 20 minutes late in court after an argument at the district jail with police. He said his jailers refused to explain why they wanted him to travel in a lorry packed with police when the van that he had used so far was also available.

Cyprus talks may resume in February

NICOSIA, Dec. 20 (R) — Talks between the Greek and Turkish Cypriots on a new American peace plan for the divided island could start in February or early March, Cyprus Foreign Minister Nicos Rolandis said Wednesday.

A decision on whether to hold the talks should be made within a few weeks, he said.

Rolandis was speaking after flying home from lengthy talks in the U.S. with State Department officials and U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

His trip followed the unveiling last month of a 12-point American plan for the island, divided since the 1974 Turkish invasion.

The plan called for a federal government controlling separate Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot areas and the return of some Turkish Cypriot-held territory to the Greek side.

Rolandis refused to discuss his American talks but said he was ready to fly back to New York for more talks with Waldheim if necessary.

Iraq protests arrest of diplomat in Cairo

BAGHDAD, Dec. 20 (AP) — Iraq strongly protested Wednesday against the arrest of one of its diplomats in Cairo, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry announced Monday that the diplomat, Seadoun Hassan Zaroun, an attaché at the Iraqi interests section in Cairo, had been granted political asylum. He was quoted as saying he defected because of his belief "in the Arab policy of President Anwar Sadat."

The Iraqi protest denied the defection claim, saying Zaroun had in fact been arrested by the Egyptian police. It demanded his immediate release and return to Iraq.

It added that Iraq has irrefutable evidence that Zaroun made his statement "under duress."

Lebanon buys 200 missiles from France

BEIRUT, Dec. 20 (K) — Lebanon has bought anti-tank missiles worth 15 million francs (\$3.5 million) from France, military sources said.

The deal is part of a program to rebuild Lebanon's war-shattered army and follows a visit to Paris by Foreign and Defense Minister Fouad Boutros.

The shipment of 200 Milan missiles with 18 launch pods is expected in Lebanon next month, the sources said.

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●TEHRAN: The death toll from an earthquake that rocked the mountain region of Iran's southwestern Khuzestan province last week has risen to at least 59, the state-run Iran radio reported Wednesday. It said the quake, which hit last Thursday, destroyed or badly damaged 300 villages in the remote Izeh and Masjed-e Suleiman areas of the Zagros mountains.

●JERUSALEM: A bomb hidden under a crate of soft drink bottles set in front of a snack bar exploded on a main street in the heart of the old walled city Wednesday and wounded four persons, witnesses said.

●ROME: Lebanon's religious and political leaders wish to reconstruct a "united, independent and peaceful" nation, Vatican special envoy Cardinal Paolo Bertoli said Tuesday upon his return from a two-

week mission.

●ABU DHABI: Mauritania has sent a message concerning the strengthening of bilateral relations to the president of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan al-Nahayan, the official Emirates news agency reported.

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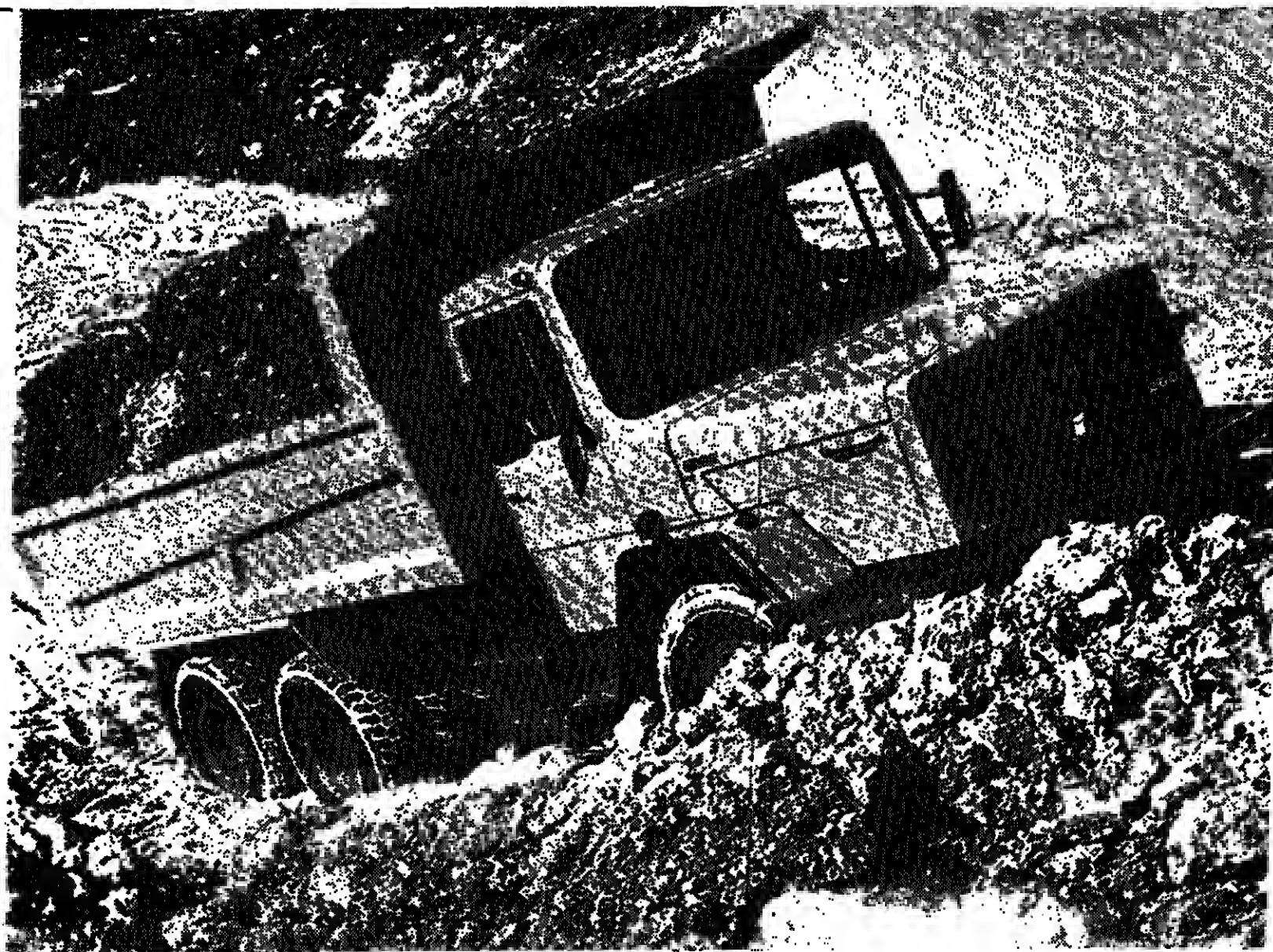
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Escape in car chase

IRA bomb suspects fire on police

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP) — Police hunting Irish terrorist bombers were fired on from a wanted car which they chased and lost early Wednesday.

Hampshire police said a two-man patrol near Aldershot, 30 miles southwest of London, spotted a white Opel Kadett saloon known to have been hired by the gang with a stolen driver's license. As they pursued it across the country border into neighboring Surrey, a shotgun was fired at them, but missed.

The wanted car was chased around a factory estate and then lost in the darkness at the village of Badshot Lea. Police said "a large force" of armed officers from Surrey drove into the area and began searching. The Kadett, bearing license

plate APU 827S, was one of four cars hired by men with Irish accents last week. Two were turned into time bombs and blew up in central London early Monday, causing damage but no serious injury. The third was found with an unexploded bomb on the back seat.

The Provisional IRA claimed responsibility for the bombs

and for seven other explosions in five provincial English cities Sunday. The attacks renewed IRA bombing of the British mainland after 22 months.

In London Wednesday, 2,000 uniformed police — many of them trained and armed marksmen — mingled with shoppers in the crowded streets of the West End in what Scotland Yard dubbed "Operation Santa" — its biggest-ever anti-terrorist operation.

Yard sources said the operation, scheduled through Christmas Eve, will cost half a million pounds (\$1 million), mostly in overtime pay, transportation, catering and communications. All leave was cancelled for the rest of the 21-500-man force in Metropolitan London and all police in the capital were ordered to stand 12-hour duty stretches instead of the normal eight.

"The object is to put a visible police presence on the streets," said the Yard. "Small groups of officers will be stationed at street corners or on patrol in small areas, with the object of deterring bombers from parking cars with bombs or depositing parcel bombs."

It said groups of armed officers were at subway stations in readiness for possible bombings of stations and trains and 140 police employed by the transport services will ride the subway.



SEARCH: After the apparent resumption of the IRA bombing campaign in London, Yeoman Warders and security guards at the Tower of London check hand luggage of visitors Wednesday.

Eight-week detention

Soweto leader freed from jail

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 20 (AP) — Prominent Soweto leader Sally Motlana has been freed after eight weeks solitary detention, "Poy" newspaper reported Wednesday.

"I have become very angry now," she was quoted as saying. "How many times have I got to be detained without being charged or tried?"

Mrs. Motlana, wife of unofficial Soweto leader Dr. Nhato Motlana, was released Tuesday from the Jeppe police station in Johannesburg, the report said.

"I am bitter about the interrogations — in fact I am most bitter about everything concerning detentions without trial," she said.

Mrs. Motlana was detained with her husband in a crackdown on black dissent in Oct. 1976, and again for a week last February.

Her most vivid recollection of the latest detention was an interrogation on the night of Nov. 2 about a dinner party at the Swiss Embassy, but she gave no details of the questioning.

Also Wednesday the respected Institute of Race Relations reported that 21 blacks had been "banned," or had their movement and communication restricted, in the past seven weeks.

Commandeered ambulance takes Basques over border

PAMPLONA, Spain, Dec. 20 (UPI) — Three Basque separatists have commandeered a Red Cross ambulance driven by a soldier to cross the frontier into France.

Authorities at the Red Cross post at Puerto de Velate in the mountains near the border said three youths appeared, claiming to be exhausted after spending hours lost in the snow.

The soldiers manning the post agreed to send them to Elizondo in an ambulance. As they approached Elizondo, they told the driver they were ETA guerrillas and wanted to cross the frontier at Euzkadi officials said.

The ambulance crossed the frontier at high speed, sirens screaming and lights flashing.

Vietnam lives under tyranny, exile from persecution says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP) — A Vietnamese who fought the Saigon regime and later escaped Communist rule says Vietnam has been converted into a "Stalin-type gulag" where people are denied the most fundamental human rights.

Duan Van Toai, who left Vietnam last year after serving 28 months in prison, told a news conference Tuesday that "Vietnam is just like a closed and isolated box, where the people are like little ants."

"The communists can pick up anyone they wish, kill them at any moment they wish, and nobody will know about it," Toai said.

Toai, 32, said that eight years ago, as vice president of the Saigon Students' Union, he cooperated with groups opposed to the government.

He said he was arrested in

1975 after refusing a request by the new regime to draw up a plan for confiscating private property.

"At home, my mother died because she had been refused admission to hospital for the simple reason that she had a son in prison," he said.

He said the regime is able to maintain control by threatening to cut food rations to dissidents.

"It is strange to see, then, a father urging his son to denounce him, causing the father to be murdered so that the rest of his family can have the rice it needs," he said. "Strange — but it happens in Vietnam today."

The government also exposes dissidents by creating fake "resistance movements" whose sole

purpose is to smoke out its enemies, he said.

Of his life in prison, Toai said he was confined to a small cell with 40 other prisoners. Like the others, his right hand was permanently chained to his left leg and vice versa, he said.

"Each day, some of the prisoners would die from torture, from starvation, suffocation, illness or suicide," he said.

Another Vietnamese, Nguyen Hau Hieu, said that the desperation of the Vietnamese people is best illustrated by the thousands trying to flee their homeland by boat.

New assembly meets

Namibians debate second vote

WINDHOEK, Dec. 20 (R) — The newly-elected Constituent Assembly of Namibia, which is not recognized by the United Nations, Wednesday opened its first session with the question of more elections this time internationally-recognized, high on the agenda.

The assembly, whose original mandate was to draw up an independence constitution for the South African-ruled territory, was elected in a poll called by Pretoria earlier this month.

The United Nations declared the results null and void and reiterated its demand for elections under its supervision.

South Africa has left the decision on a second round of voting up to the assembly, saying only that it will attempt to persuade the territory's leaders

to go along with U.N. plans. Opening the assembly, South African Administrator-General Judge Marthinus Steyn, said "One of the most important and most urgent matters which this assembly will have to

decide is the question of holding a second election for a legislative body for the territory with United Nations participation in accordance with Resolutions 431 and 435 of the U.N.'s Security Council."

France flickers slowly back to light and life

PARIS, Dec. 20 (R) — Parts of western France suffered blackouts again Wednesday morning only the day after a power failure paralyzed almost the entire country for several hours.

The state-run Electricite de France (EDF) said the western regions were worst affected because they consumed much more electricity than they produced.

Officials expected supplies to be back to normal soon. Several newspapers attack-

ed the EDF management Wednesday, accusing their forecasting system of being incompetent and warning that France was beginning to pay the price for encouraging consumers to buy more electrical appliances.

But they differed widely in explaining the blackout.

The Socialist daily "Le Matin" said the breakdown was the logical consequence of years of neglect of other sources of energy and of state-sponsored advertising of electrical goods.

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Soviets dampen hopes for early SALT success

GENEVA, Switzerland, Dec. 20 (AP) — Agreement on a new strategic arms limitation treaty is "too much to hope," Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said Wednesday.

"I do not foresee the conclusion of an accord in this kind of a short time," he said at the start of negotiations with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

"This is too much to hope," Gromyko volunteered no other hints as to when he thought playing six-year-old talks could be the end of it.

On Tuesday, President Jimmy Carter expressed his hope that he can meet Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev and

sign a treaty in Washington before the Jan. 31 visit of Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping.

Gromyko laughed when he said he does not expect that he and Vance can complete a final SALT treaty at their meeting.

In a formal statement read in Russian and interpreted into French, Gromyko said both the United States and the Soviet Union have said they want an agreement as soon as possible.

"We would like to hope that this meeting can take us considerably nearer to the realization of this goal," Gromyko said.



Cyrus Vance



Andrei Gromyko

Compromise in Cleveland may head off labor crisis

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 20 (R) — Cleveland's beleaguered Mayor Dennis Kucinich has made a compromise move which could head off threatened strikes and avert a mass layoff of city police and firemen.

His proposal late Tuesday opened the way for the feuding mayor and the powerful city council to reach a compromise on selling the money-losing municipal light plant as part of a plan to save Cleveland from bankruptcy.

The mayor said he was prepared to let the 625,000 residents of Cleveland decide the future of the plant in a referendum.

He said he would ask the voters to decide if the plant should be sold to private in-

terests, as the council wished, providing the council puts his proposal for a 50 per cent rise in city income taxes on the same ballot.

Mayor Kucinich on Monday announced that he was laying off 2,000 police, firemen and other city workers from Jan. 2 as the only way to keep Cleveland from going broke since the council had rejected his tax-raising proposal.

But this brought a hostile reaction from trade unions, which threatened to strike and bring chaos to Ohio's largest city if they could not block the layoffs by legal action.

Only last Friday, the mayor had refused to entertain the compromise deal over the plant in last-minute negotiations to try to rescue the city from defaulting on the repayment of \$15.5 million loans.

Swiss block account said held by cultists

BERNE, Dec. 20 (UPI) — The Swiss government said Wednesday it has ordered a Zurich bank to block an account apparently opened by the Peoples Temple sect of James Jones.

A Justice Ministry spokesman said the account was blocked this week after U.S. authorities said they wanted Swiss cooperation in their investigation into the mass murder-suicide on Nov. 18 of more than 900 of its members, including Jones.

Under terms of the Swiss-U.S. legal assistance treaty, the U.S. can ask Switzerland to lift its banking secrecy laws if there is evidence that an account in Switzerland contains money garnered from crime.

A Justice Ministry spokesman said Switzerland is now waiting for such an official request from Washington.

Meanwhile, the body of Jones, the cult leader who led more than 900 of his followers to death in the jungles of Guyana, was cremated Tuesday in New Jersey, a funeral home official said.

Mrs. William Torbert of the Torbert Funeral Home said her husband watched as Jones' body was turned at the private crematory, which she declined to identify. The body was released by officials at Dover Del. U.S. Air Force Base.

The funeral home is in charge of disposing of the bodies of Jones, his wife, two adopted children and a grandchild.

The World

Mounties raid beleaguered firm

MONTREAL, Dec. 20 (R) — The Royal Canadian Mounted Police raided the offices of Space Research Corp. to investigate charges the firm has been shipping arms illegally to South Africa, a police spokesman said.

'Superman' takes giant \$7m leap

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (R) — "Superman," the comic strip turned into a film, has earned more than \$7 million in the first three days since it opened, Warner Brothers, the distributor, has announced. The movie, being screened in 501 cinemas across the United States and Canada, registered a box office gross of \$7,465,343 — a Warner Bros. record.

Naples airport attacked by gunmen

NAPLES, Italy, Dec. 20 (R) — Gunmen shot and wounded a customs policeman and set fire to a helicopter hangar, police said. The attackers hurled a bomb at the hangar after twice wounding Walter Caimert, 20, who was on duty at the customs installation at Capodichino Airport Tuesday night. Police sources said they believed the attack was connected with recent customs police operations against smugglers in the Naples area.

Swiss take close look at Maharishi

ALTDORF, Switzerland Dec. 20 (AP) — Authorities have opened an inquiry into the activities of the Maharishi Mahesh transcendental meditation movement whose "World Government of the Age of Enlightenment" is based in the Lake Lucerne resort of Seelisberg near here.

U.S. defends NASA on Skylab

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (R) — Blowing up the massive U.S. Skylab satellite in space would only increase the danger of debris on Earth when it re-enters the atmosphere, a U.S. official has said. Defending the U.S. space agency against criticism Tuesday over the danger involved in the 85-ton space station, a spokesman said it was foolish for anyone to accuse them of negligence.

Plane crashes in Louisiana; kills 6

BORDELONVILLE, La. Dec. 20 (AP) — A plane trying to take off from the airport here has crashed into a building near the runway killing five persons aboard and one person in the building, authorities said.

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Bandits steal over \$1m from Wells Fargo truck

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (UPI) — Five bandits robbed a Wells Fargo armored car of more than \$1 million in cash Tuesday, surprising two guards who made a practice of stopping for sandwiches at a Staten Island delicatessen.

It was the second big cash holdup in New York City in eight days.

Police said the two guards — regulars at the delicatessen — were waiting in line with seven other noontime customers when three gunmen, dressed like workmen, walked in around 12:30 p.m.

The three gunmen shoved

Kent State suit claims for \$46m for 1970 deaths

CLEVELAND, Ohio Dec. 20 (R) — A \$46-million suit claiming damages for anti-war protesters shot by National Guardsmen at Kent State University in 1970 has gone to court.

The case began Tuesday after Ohio authorities vetoed an out-of-court settlement for \$675,000 because they felt it was not legally safe to sanction the use of state funds to settle a private suit.

National Guard troops opened fire on students demonstrating against the Vietnam War, killing four and wounding one.



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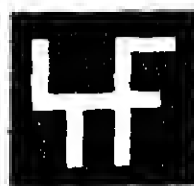
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Israeli government digging in

EDITOR'S NOTE: As the year comes to an end, there is still no Mideast peace treaty. With hopes fading, assessment begins of where the fault might rest. Associated Press writer Barry Schweid, who has covered U.S. shuttle diplomacy in the Mideast in the Kissinger and Carter eras, retraces the ups and downs since the Camp David summit and looks at the prospects.

By Barry Schweid

WASHINGTON — In the aftermath of Camp David there was optimism that an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty could be concluded within three, even two, months.

But the target date is now past, and in the place of hope there is stalemate, recrimination and erosion.

What went wrong? Most basically, the two sides could not agree on how to deal with the Palestinian dispute.

Egypt wanted strong links in the treaty package to Palestinian autonomy.

Israel refused. It claims that under the two Camp David "framework agreements," the Palestinian negotiations were to be conducted separately after the treaty with Egypt was wrapped up.

This fundamental dispute has permeated the negotiations since Camp David, including U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's unsuccessful fling at shuttle diplomacy last week.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat had insisted from the start of the post-summit peace talks on a timetable for elections among the 1.1 million Palestinians on the Israeli-held West Bank of Jordan and in Gaza.

An old Egyptian idea, it had gotten little attention during U.S. President Carter's summit with Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Last month, Sadat sent Vice President Hosni Mubarak to Washington to propose September 1979 as the fixed date for electing the West Bank-Gaza self-governing council. Begin had accepted at the summit.

That date would coincide with the promised completion of Israel's first interim withdrawal from the Sinai.

Because normalization of relations between Egypt and

Israel would start only after the withdrawal and the establishment of a Palestinian council, peace in effect became conditional on Palestinian autonomy.

Sadat also proposed that the treaty's Article VI be scrapped.

That article would have a peace with Israel supersede Cairo's military ties to other Arab countries under a 1951 collective security agreement.

Israel, meanwhile, was making a significant turn around in its formal approval of the treaty terms as they had been negotiated with the Egyptians in Washington.

By taking no action, the Begin government implicitly rejected an American proposal that the end of 1979 be set as the target for Palestinian elections.

Vance had suggested the date as a compromise between Sadat's demand for autonomy by September 1979 and Begin's rejection of any link between the peace treaty and Palestinian self-rule.

After three meetings with Vance outside Cairo, Sadat eased off on his two demands, accepting the end of 1979 as the election target date and qualifying his objections to Article VI.

Instead of scrapping that provision, Sadat was now willing to include a "side letter" in the treaty package affirming Egypt's right to help defend other Arab countries if they were attacked by Israel.

On another major point, though, he took a tougher line — one that sent Begin "through the roof," according to one U.S. official.

Sadat said he would not permit an exchange of ambassadors until there was Palestinian autonomy in at least Gaza.

And he wanted a review of the treaty terms five years after signing.

Overall, Vance's negotiating team considered Sadat's proposals positive and accommo-

dating. But Begin and his ministers saw them as an attempt to rewrite the treaty.

Vance withdrew his offer of an extended shuttle, cut short his stay and returned to Washington Friday.

As his jet headed home, the Israeli cabinet formally rejected delaying an exchange of ambassadors, the five-year review, the interpretation of Article VI and the target date for Palestinian autonomy.

And, clashing directly with the Carter administration, the Begin government rejected "the attitude and the interpretation of the U.S. government with regard to the Egyptian proposals."

Despite the deadlock and the fundamental differences between Egypt and Israel, however, the treaty terms remain more than 90 per cent complete.

Administration policy makers remain convinced that both Egypt and Israel want peace and that they will eventually grope their way to the elusive treaty.

At this point, negotiations are suspended indefinitely. President Carter and his Press Secretary, Jody Powell, have blamed Israel's stubbornness for the impasse. But there is no evidence this pressure tactic will be any more effective than Carter's invocation of last Sunday as a "deadline" for concluding the treaty.

"We are not a vassal country," Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz said Monday. "We are not a dependent of the United States."

The Israeli government is digging in. Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan says Israel will not initiate renewed negotiations with Egypt until U.S.-supported Egyptian amendments are dropped.

But the Egyptians are giving no sign of backtracking. With the support of the Carter administration, there is little incentive to give in at this point. (AP)



"Gee, you don't get much candy for a buck any more."

America's unnerving inflation

By Nicholas Von Hoffman

In American public life, nothing is ever as simple as it seems, so that the apparent national unanimity against inflation bears a second look. Is everybody really that much against it or are some people just going through the motions because the mass media and the society's prestige figures spend so much energy inveighing against it?

After months of false starts, once the American president indicated he might be serious about cutting the growth rates in the money, that he might really be flinching with an end to inflation, there was a decided grumpiness in certain quarters. In other moments in American history, public figures have been avowed and sincere inflationists. Herbert Hoover was, to name one, while this isn't the year to advocate inflation, some people like George Meany do combine a pro forma opposition to rising price levels with a refusal to back the government policies most likely to flatten the growth curves.

Even the electorate is more ambiguous on the subject than people are led to believe. Those social tea leaf readers, the public opinion pollsters, say that "inflation is the number one issue in the country," but it may also be a very tepid number one. If people were truly and deeply concerned, would two thirds of the nation's voters have stayed away from the polling places last Election Day? No, while people are doubtless worried, many millions of Americans obviously aren't worried enough to take even the

minimal step of strolling around the corner to pull a lever in a polling place.

The U.S. monochromatic mass media chants that inflation hurts all Americans, but a lot of people know damn well it hurts some more than others. Inflation hurts creditors and helps debtors. The general knowledge of this self-evident fact explains much of the force behind the continuing real estate boom. You don't have to be a double-dome master of business administration with a Coke-bottle eye glass to know that one of the good things to life is to borrow 100-cent dollars on a house mortgage and pay the loan back with 33-cent dollars. The nice people in Washington who print all that money have given you two-thirds of your house and garden for free.

The tens of millions who own real estate in the expectation that inflation will be kind to them are theoretically counterbalanced by other millions, especially older people who live on fixed incomes. But, writes Christopher Jenks, professor of sociology at Harvard, "Social Security is now adjusted almost every year to keep pace with inflation. Even though private pensions have not done equally well, the per-capita income of individuals 65 and over rose 76 per cent between 1970 and 1976 while the per-capita income of individuals aged 14 to 64 rose only 51 per cent. Since the Consumer Price Index went up 47 per cent during these years, individuals 14 to 64 ended up with about the same purchasing power in 1976 as in 1970, while individuals 65 and over increased their purchasing power by a fifth.

In sum, a whole big bunch of people have either advanced their standard of living or stayed about equal during the worst of the inflationary years. A lot of them may be worried that, if inflation continues, the future won't work out as well as the past, and, assuredly, one of the great objections to inflation is the extra element of uncertainty it brings to already uncertain human existence. Thus, even people who profit are unnerved by it.

But how are the self-same people going to react as it dawns on them that they may be the ones who pay the price for ending inflation or at least taking it off the backs of leaders, the class that has paid the highest price for the low-ering dollar?

In California, there is now the variable-interest-rate mortgage, in actuality a mortgage with interest payments which fluctuate according to the ebb and flow of inflation. In a lot of states that kind of mortgage would bump into the usury laws, the moralistic money for price control over money, and already people are hearing from lenders that, unless these laws are repealed, they're not going to make mortgages. The trouble which will ensue—unless national interest rates dive downward—will be a disguised fight between deflationists and inflationists. The same kind of fight is likely to break out in other sectors of the economy as various groups and individuals learn it isn't necessarily so, that while inflation is like the rain in that it falls on all of us, it is also like the rain in that it floods some gardens while it makes others bloom. (KFS)

WASHINGTON BATTLE

In a major address earlier this year, Senator James Abourezk predicted that the decisive battles of the Arab-Israeli conflict would be fought not in the Middle East, but in Washington. The senator realized that, given America's role as the sole guardian of Israel and its pressing need for the oil resources of the Middle East, the United States would inevitably be a prime actor in any efforts to resolve the conflict. And thus, he reasoned, whichever side was able to win the hearts and/or minds of the administration and Congress would have a decided edge in the bargaining process aimed at a Middle East settlement. While Israel has long been the darling of American policymakers and legislators, thanks to the efforts of a politically active Jewish constituency in the United States, an array of new factors—including oil, growing Arab financial power, the Saudi-U.S. friendship and the PR successes of Anwar Sadat—has led to the steady erosion of Israel's privileged status in the United States over the past few years. This erosion, of course, is only partial, and few people believe it could ever lead to an American abandonment of Israel. Consequently Israel's declining fortunes in Washington have made it possible for U.S. decision-makers to pursue—if they choose—a reasonably balanced Middle East policy.

In recent days we have seen indications that official Washington is gradually becoming aware of its newfound independence. The administration and Congress are starting to flex their muscles vis-a-vis Israel and the once powerful Zionist lobby. President Carter has openly sided with President Sadat in the Egyptian-Israeli treaty controversy. He has made it clear, through deliberate White House leaks, that he was greatly angered by Menachem Begin's rejection of the latest peace compromise. And the president has taken the unprecedented step of refusing to meet with American Jewish leaders on the Middle East stalemate. Meanwhile, Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd has publicly attacked Israel's settlements policy in the West Bank—warning that Congress may vote to cut aid to Israel if the Jewish state continues to expand its presence in the occupied territories. Washington sources have said Mr. Byrd's remarks reflect a growing impatience with Israel's intransigence among many senators and congressmen—as well as increasing sentiment in favor of Palestinian self-determination.

Sensing danger, the pro-Israeli lobby in the United States has gone on the offensive, launching a campaign to promote the Israeli position in Congress and within the Carter administration. One of the tactics the lobby is reportedly using—albeit with great finesse—is the threat of undermining President Carter's 1980 re-election bid by rallying Jewish support and campaign funds behind Mr. Carter's potential Democratic rival, Senator Edward Kennedy. Whether President Carter will buckle under such pressure remains to be seen. In fact, it is still not known whether the president will seek a second term. But it is beyond question that the Israeli lobby has joined battle with the Carter administration once again—as it did during the F-15 debate—and it is likely that this confrontation will be more intense and decisive than the previous one.

Soviets below target

By Barton Reppert

MOSCOW — Soviet economic strategists are getting stepped-up growth targets for 1979 in an effort to offset the economy's lackluster performance during the first three years of the current five-year plan.

However, Western analysts say that barring any sudden, massive boost in labor productivity, there appears little chance that the country's centralized economy will even come close to achieving overall goals originally mapped out for the 1976-80 period.

Along with lagging productivity, the Soviet economy is faced with a variety of other major problems as it heads into 1979, including:

—Chronic shortages of adequate-quality consumer goods.

—A costly and growing backlog of unfinished construction.

—Escalating costs to exploit vast reserves of coal, gas and other natural resources in Siberia.

—A potentially severe manpower squeeze looming in the 1980s.

—The nagging issues of wage egalitarianism vs. bigger pay differentials to provide incentive for Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in a major economic speech he delivered late last month at a plenary session of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee.

Several Western analysts said they found Brezhnev's language in the speech unusually blunt and frank.

On the consumer front, Brezhnev declared: "Ministers, party and local government executives and economic managers, workers of the planning bodies must exert all efforts to speed up the development of industries producing consumer goods."

In 1977, actual growth in Soviet national income was only 3.5 per cent—the Soviet economy's worst performance since World War II.

Even if the economy manages to achieve the boosted plan targets for 1979, still it may prove virtually impossible for the Kremlin to realize the ambitious economic growth goals which were set for the current five-year plan.

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"Al-Medina" said objections to the recent OPEC price rise "are unjustified in view of the compelling circumstances that made the rise inevitable."

The reactions to the OPEC decision are emotional and unfounded," the paper said. "If the industrialized states are not concerned over the harm done to the OPEC countries as a result of their own policies, the OPEC states are concerned and are justified in their action due to their responsibilities to their own peoples and the people of other poor countries."

"The OPEC countries are helping poorer countries as much as they can. This was admitted by President Mobutu of Zaire recently and is frequently admitted by the United States. The industrialized states ought to tackle the problem at the source," the paper continued.

"We have no intention, as Prince Fahd said, to cause any damage to the world economy. This is one of our fundamental precepts and we mean to adhere to it."

"Olas" commented on the abortive North-South dialogue and blamed Western Europe for the problems facing it due to its refusal to accept the principle of a fair link between the prices of raw materials and manufactured goods.

"But another phenomenon has presented itself lately," the paper said. "Europe is bent on depressing the dollar to be able to continue buying oil at a lower rate while its currencies appreciate against the dollar thereby offsetting the recent oil price increase."

This dualism in European thinking is bound to lead to another failure for the dialogue which the industrialized states now seek to revive.

"As oil exporters, we refuse to go along unless there are firm guarantees that the dialogue will take into consideration the whole spectrum of North-South trade relations. In this way the oil states aim at achieving a fair international trade balance that serves the interests of the whole world."

Reviewing the good offices of Saudi Arabia to end the war in Lebanon, "Al-Riyadh" said: "It is obvious that Israel is working assiduously to abort any efforts to bring permanent peace to that country. Israel is directly and indirectly involved in keeping the embers of the conflict glowing. It has prevented the United Nations from establishing an effective presence in the southern part of the country and has used stooges like Chamoun, Haddad and Chidyak to foment trouble and undermine the efforts of those working to restore stability and national reconciliation."

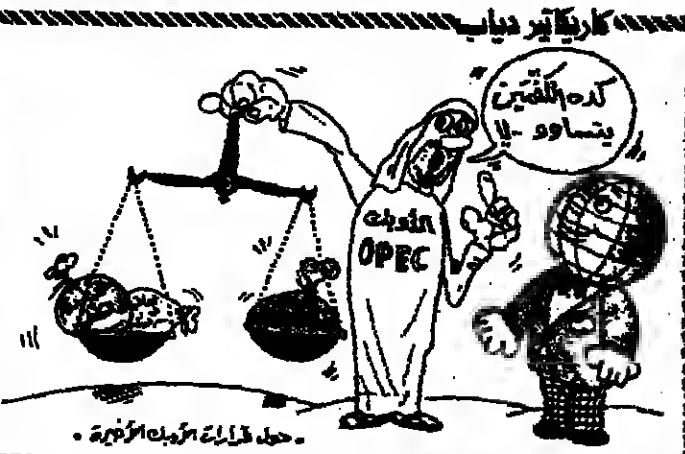
The paper said "there is a good possibility for a fresh conflagration in Lebanon because of the failure of the Blair House talks and the reemergence of Henry Kissinger and his latest statements."

"Is this man not involved in cooking up an international recipe," the paper wondered, and answered itself affirmatively.

"But the Kingdom is aware of him even if he stands before the scenes," the paper added.

"Al-Jazirah" hailed the decision of the cabinet allowing landlords to raise the rents by 15 per cent on condition that the sum of previous increases do not exceed the new limit.

The paper said the decision makes it incumbent on landlords to adhere to the new rate relieves tenants of undue anxiety "since without it they might have been prey to excessive demands or else..."



OPEC TO THE WORLD: This way the scales are well balanced, one carries the OPEC price rise and the other the dollar devaluation and world inflation.

Modest ends in £

BANGKOK, Dec. 20. — It ended without a score. It ended without a fruit out. It also ended with a score.

North and South shared the most coveted and glibet nor of Eighth Asia's and roast competition, which this will be needed, with a dou mince pies or draw between y comherland chrivals.

It was the first, rose and apple between the sea, the turkey, the two count, and beef used to four years final celebration Games barely and. Then the other's existers of America playing field.

The soccer key to Europe to part of the cild turkeys, which of Asia's oly rd, from the Ame a gold for this with glass beads, but did oolrkeys are descen medal anphese.

Japan, previous of the ingredients for ed oo tional English meal are silvers ae here. There are evo China of fresh chestnuts in the 48. Table souq. Frozen turkeys wens n the supermarkets and r stores, and there is y of dried fruit around.

F 10-pound turkey is en- th for 10 to fifteen people. Jap should be thawed out slow- ly in the refrigerator and then Cooked when completely thaw- ed and soft to the touch. Fill the turkey with chestnut stuff- ing, or, for a change, try ap- ricot stuffing, and cook cover- ed with a tent of foil until the fast 30 minutes when you should remove it to brown the breast. The bird is done wheo the juices run clear rather than pick if the thickest part of the leg is pierced with a skewer or fork. It takes about 4½ hrs. to cook a 10 pound bird.

Instead of plum pudding, a cold dessert is probably more welcome in a hot climate. Bake a delicious bombe or a

jelly pudding in the traditional plum pudding shape.

Apricot Stuffing
4 oz. dried apricots
4 oz. celery (if none avail- able use 1 tsp. celery seed)

6 oz. fresh breadcrumbs
½ tsp. dried sage
½ tsp. ground mixed spice
1 oz. butter melted
Seasoning
1 small egg
1 tbsp. French mustard

Dice the apricots and chop the celery finely. Combine with breadcrumbs, sage, spice, but- ter, and plenty of seasoning. Lightly beat the egg and mus- tard together and use to bind the stuffing together. If neces- sary, moisten with a little stock.

Chestnut Stuffing
1 lb. chestnuts
½ pt. stock or milk
4 oz. breadcrumbs
1 tsp. chopped parsley
1 oz. butter
A little grated lemon rind
Salt and pepper
Sugar
1 egg

Make a slit in both ends of the chestnuts (this makes it easier to remove the skins) and boil them in water for about 10 minutes. Then skin them. Put the shelled nuts into a pan with enough stock or milk to cover and simmer gently until tender. Then mash the chestnuts or put through a sieve. Mix with the bread- crumbs, parsley, melted butter and grated lemon rind. Season with salt, pepper and sugar. Bind with the beaten egg.

Festive Bombe
6 oz. fine cookie crumbs
2½ oz. butter
15 fl. oz. double cream



½ tsp. vanilla essence
10 oz. fruit mincemeat
1 pt. vanilla ice cream

6 oz. glace cherries
½ oz. finely chopped al-monds or walnuts

½ tsp. almond essence
Lightly butter a 2½ pt. basio.
Combine the crumbs with the

Season for English festive foods

melted butter and line the pudding basin (or bombe mould), pressing the mixture evenly round the sides. Chill until the crust is firm.

Whip the cream and stir in the vanilla essence. Combine the cream with the mincemeat. Spoon this mixture into the crust lined basin, spreading it in an even layer and leaving a deep hollow for the ice cream. Freeze until the cream is firm.

Soften the ice cream slight- ly. Stir in the cherries, whole or chopped, the nuts and al- mood essence. Pack this mix- ture into the mould and smooth it over evenly. Cover and freeze for at least 12 hours.

Unmould the bombe straight from the freezer. Dip the basin briefly in hot water and turn the bombe out on to a flat plate. Return it to the maio compartment of the re- frigerator for about ooe hour before serving. Serves 8-10.

Jelly Pudding
4 oz. currants
4 oz. raisins
Small tin pineapple chunks
1 pkt. raspberry jelly
4 tsp. grape juice
4 oz. glace cherries, halved
4 oz. walnut halves, chopped.
½ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. oumeg
½ pt. whipped cream

A few black grapes and an- gelica to decorate.

Soak the currants and raisins overnight then drain well. Sub- stitute other dried fruit if these are unavailable. Chop pine- apple smaller and drain well. Make up the jelly as directed on the packet but using only ½ pt. of boiling water. Allow to

cool. Stir in the grape juice fruit, nuts and spices. Stir mix- ture occasionally until cold and just about to set. Turn into a 1½ pt. pudding basin. previously rinsed with cold water. Chill overnight. Turn out and serve decorated with whipped cream, grapes and angelica. Serve 6-8.

KIOSK

A potpourri of events and activities ...from around the Kingdom

JEDDAH

Thursday, Dec. 21

Tickets on sale for the Pantomime "Sing a soog of sixpense" at the British embassy, every day except Friday and Monday. Adults SR 15, children SR 10. Performance Jan. 7-11 at Players Playhouse.

Saturday, Dec. 23

British/Dutch clinic open as usual, but British Com- munity Library closed. The clinic will close on Dec. 25, 26.

The Pakistani embassy will be showing a film at 8:00 p.m. at the chancery premises to celebrate the birthday anniversary of the founder of Pakistan. Show open to members of the Pakistani community. Admission free.

Thursday, Dec. 28—Friday, Dec. 29

Saudi Arabian Natural History Society expedition to the Hot Springs in Al Lith.

RIYADH

Thursday, Dec. 28—Friday, Dec. 29

"Paintings by Hrair" exhibition continues at the Intercontinental Hotel Exhibition Hall. Opeo 10:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22

Junior Horse Show at the Riyadh Stables. Participants under 18 year old. Opeo 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

DHAHRAN

Thursday, Dec. 21—Wednesday, Dec. 27

The housing Conference Exhibition at the University of Petroleum and Minerals will remain opeo. Admission free.

Thursday, Dec. 21—Thursday, Jan. 4

Exhibition of the work of architect Fric Otto and his team will take place at the King Faisal University in Dammam. From 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., daily except Fri- day Admission free.

Thursday, Dec. 21 — Wednesday, Jan. 3

Registration continues for the Al Khobar Tennis Tournament. This is the largest of tennis tournament in the Kingdom, and is open to players of all nationalities. For information, entry forms call Neil Perkins, Tel: 70246, or Fred Benson, Tel: 70109.

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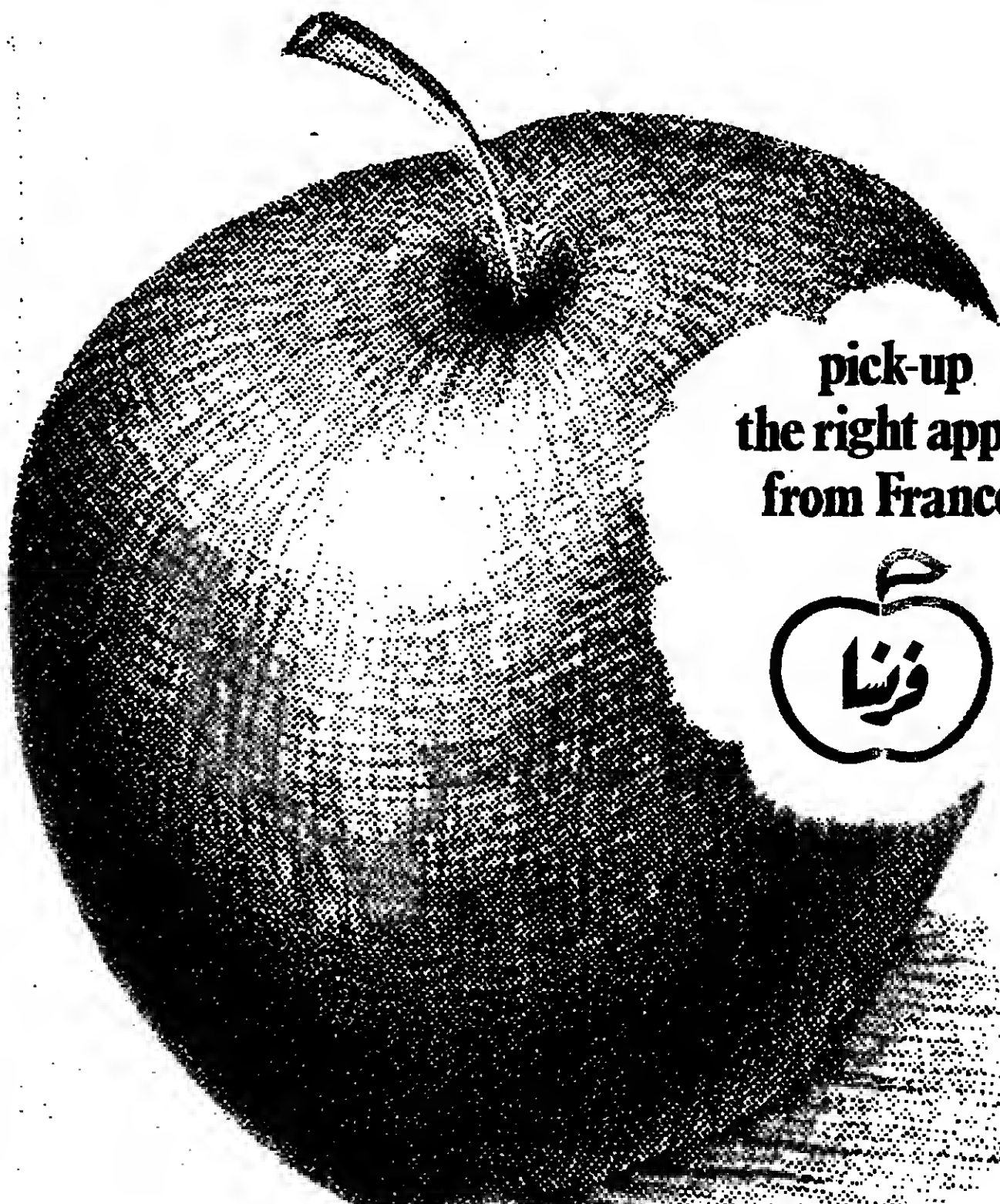
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Egypt grounds the great pyramid climbers

By Nicolas Tatro
CAIRO. — Police have cracked down on an age-old tourist tradition in Egypt, climbing the 4,600-year-old pyramid of Cheops, after two visitors plunged to their deaths within two months.

Signs have sprung up around the base of the great pyramid warning would-be climbers in English and Arabic that it is forbidden to scale the 137-meter-high tomb of the Pharaoh.

Uniformed police and plain-clothes officers with walkie-talkies patrol the pyramid around the clock to nab would-be climbers. But still they come, and some still slip

through despite the beefed-up patrol.

"We get three or four requests a day to climb the pyramid," said Maj. Muhammad Sharabi of the Tourist Police. "But it is too dangerous and we strictly forbid it."

In the last year, police estimated they have dragged 70 to 80 climbers off the ochre-colored stones and arrested them. Violators, including the guides, face fines of \$150 and two months in jail.

Climbing the pyramid has been illegal since 1951, but the law was rarely enforced until 1973.

Police say that since tourists came back to Egypt in

force following the last Middle East war, their crackdown has been gathering steam.

But police concede it is impossible to stop them all, especially on national holidays when the ancient plateau of Giza is jammed with thousands of visitors and battalions of would-be climbers, both foreign tourists and Egyptian teenagers. On other days, would-be climbers try to sneak past guards in the dead of night or just after sunrise.

Sometimes the warnings are ignored with tragic consequences.

Sharabi cited the case of a 65-year-old Austrian univer-

sity professor, Richard Gobel, who slipped and fell to his death Nov. 19. "He came to us and we told him it wasn't permitted. Then, 20 minutes later, we found him at the base of the pyramid, dead," he recalled.

On Sept. 9, Stephan Boross, a 50-year-old Swiss school teacher, lost his foothold and plunged to his death as a friend looked on. Police recount similar cases but statistics are not available.

Why do they climb?

"I was standing around looking at the pyramid with some friends and we decided to climb up and spend the night. It was something different to do," said one 22-year-old university student.

Half-way up, the student said, "the wind came up and I nearly lost my grip. I don't think I would do it again."

The constant scrambling up the face of the stone walls is also taking a toll on the great pyramid itself. In recent weeks, a one-meter square stone — one of an estimated

2.3 million stones that make up the monument — crashed to the ground.

"It was partly the result of wind erosion and partly because people are climbing on it all the time," the police major said.

Perhaps the greatest living authority on climbing the pyramids is 52-year-old Abdul Nabi Hefnawi, who made a living for 30 years scrambling up the rough-hewn blocks to entertain kings, presidents and tourists.

Hefnawi has made it to the top in seven minutes while even the healthiest of amateurs rarely makes it in under 15 minutes.

"It is very dangerous even for me," said Hefnawi. "If you fall, even from five stones high, you will likely be killed."

Hefnawi said more than 200 people had been killed trying to scale the pyramid since he first scrambled to the top at the age of eight. Now, even the champ has been barred from climbing and has been persuaded to take a job as tour guide.

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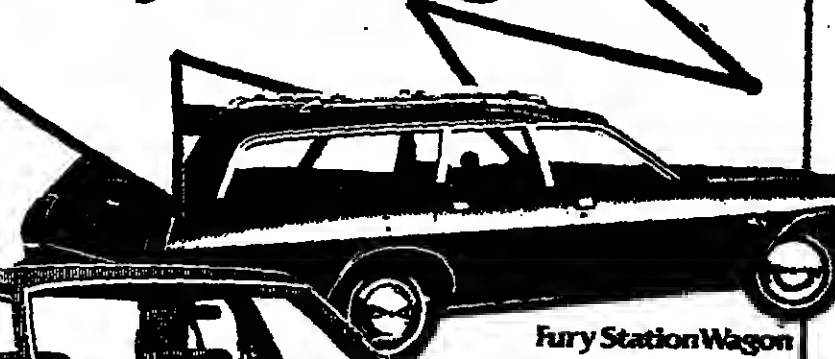
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Modest, hurried Asiad ends in goalless draw

BANGKOK, Dec. 20 (AP) — It ended without a fight and it ended without a walk-out. It also ended without a score.

North and South Korea shared the most coveted honor of Eighth Asian Games competition, which ended Wednesday, with a dour 0-0 soccer draw between the two archrivals.

It was the first soccer clash between the senior teams of the two countries, who only four years ago at the last Games barely recognized each other's existence on the same playing field.

The soccer match, held as part of the closing ceremonies of Asia's Olympics, resulted in a gold for each of the Koreans but did not affect the overall medal standings.

Japan, having won at every previous Games, again emerged on top with 70 golds, 60 silvers and 47 bronzes, while China was second with 51-53-48. The two Asian sports powers were followed by South

Korea, North Korea, Thailand, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, the Philippines and Iraq.

The north-south struggle brought out some fine individual play but both sides were too cautious, or too exhausted to go all-out for the goal. The game ended in amity, which, nevertheless had evaporated by the time the medals were awarded.

China took the soccer silver with a 1-0 victory over Iraq. Thai organizing officials said the Games were the most difficult of the three Thailand has staged because of the short preparation time, a modest budget and the Israeli issue. Thailand deservedly took a bow since there had been real danger the Asian idea would collapse after original host Pakistan backed out for financial reasons.

Japan's 25 gold medals in swimming provided the winning margin. China beat was strong in athletics and gymnastics and dominated table tennis. The Thais were the sprint champs, while India came up with some longer distance runners.

The Arab countries, — Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain were among the six countries not to score — showed they needed more time to develop sports excellence but at least made the Games possible through providing the bulk of the finance.

But the Israel issue remains unresolved. Arab competitors will refuse to meet Israelis in any sport involving physical contact, like soccer or fencing at the 1984 Moscow Olympics. Sheikh Fahd Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, leader of the Kuwait delegation said Wednesday.



CONTER: Britain's John Conter has signed a contract with Top Ra Inc. of New York to meet the WBC light-heavyweight champ Marvin Johnson of — United States in London or Monte Carlo on May 26, AP reports. The British former world champion is seen here with his cheek cut by Joe Cokes of Texas, whom he beat in London on points earlier this year.

England wins 2nd Test

Australia folds before Miller, Lever

PERTH, Dec. 20 (R) — England scored a resounding 166 runs victory over Australia in the second Test here Wednesday.

With two hours to spare on the final day, the Australians had slumped from 141 for to 161 all out in their second innings.

Australia started the day at 11 for one needing to score 328 to win and until the sudden collapse to the bowling of left arm paceman John Lever and off-spinner Geoff Miller, they looked as if they would at least save the match.

Lever and Miller each took three wickets in the 46-minute slump that ended the Aus-

tralian innings in 66 balls and gave England its second win in the six-Test series.

Lever finished with four for 28 from 8.1 overs, ending the match by howling Alan Hurst.

Miller, who finished with three for 21, started the Australian slide by trapping Gary Cosier lbw for 47, ending an 83-run partnership between Cosier and opener Graeme Wood, who made 68 before being given out, caught behind, in an extremely suspect decision.

The ball clearly missed the edge of the bat.

By coincidence earlier in the day the 58-year-old umpire had announced his retirement for Tests and first class umpiring.

The third Test starts in Melbourne on Dec. 29.

Indira jail riots shut down Test

BANGALORE, India, Dec. 20 (R) — The second Test between India and the West Indies was abandoned as a draw Wednesday as angry mobs roamed the streets of Bangalore demonstrating violently against the jailing of former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

C.D. Gopinath and Joe Solomon, managers of the Indian and West Indies teams, said there had been no alternative but to follow police advice to abandon the match in the interests of the safety of the players and spectators.

The match had been poised for an exciting finish on the final day Wednesday, with the West Indies 266 runs ahead with eight second innings wickets down. The West Indies had scored 437 and 200 for eight and India made 371 in their first innings.

Police opened fire in the incident here to disperse violent crowds and also used tear gas.

Belgian club steals Supercup from freezing Liverpool gloom

LIVERPOOL, England Dec. 20 (UPI) — Liverpool, swept out of the European Cup by Nottingham Forest, slipped again at fog-shrouded Anfield Tuesday night when it lost its grip on the European Super Cup despite beating Anderlecht, 2-1.

The aggregate was 4-3 for Anderlecht which had a 3-1 lead from the first leg and it took only a 71st minute goal from Francois van der Elst to take the trophy.

A frozen pitch and thick fog failed to halt the match though the kickoff was delayed 15 minutes. Anderlecht players wore black tight as protection against the iron-hard surface.

Visibility was poor but good enough for England skipper Emyln Hughes to snap up a 13th minute chance and raise Liverpool hopes.

Kenny Dalglish beat the off-side trap to send in Jimmy Case for a shot that Jean Munaron could only push away and Hughes, back in the team as a result of an injury to Alan Kennedy, was on hand to score.

With players slipping and sliding in and out of fog patches the game was always a poor spectacle. Steve Ogrizovic, making his first appearance of the season in the Liverpool goal in place of the injured Ray Clemence, excelled with a fine saves as the

Belgian team broke dangerously until it drew level through van der Elst after a fine link with Robby Rensenbrink.

In an exciting finish, Liverpool came again and with just five minutes remaining opened it up with a goal from David Fairclough.

British papers see ban as too harsh on Revie

LONDON, Dec. 20 (R) — The decision to ban former England manager Don Revie from English soccer until 1987 was seen as unnecessarily harsh by Wednesday's British newspapers.

Some expected Revie to fight the decision in the high court.

The English Football Association (F.A.) banned Revie Tuesday after hearing Revie answer charges of bringing the game into disrepute Monday. Revie quit as England manager in 1977, with two years of his contract still to run, to take up a highly-paid job soccer boss in the United Arab Emirates.

"The Sun" newspaper was the most critical. Frank Clough, "The Sun's" soccer writer, said "(The sentence) is savage and out of all proportion to his 'crime'." All he did was seek a new job when it became obvious some of his employers were not too happy with him.

Muller to retire

MUNICH, Dec. 20 (UPI) — Gerd Muller, West Germany's most successful center forward and scorer of the winning goal against Holland in the 1974 World Cup, announced Wednesday he was retiring from first-class soccer at the end of the season. He is 33.

Final standings

	G	S	B
Japan	70	60	47
China	51	53	47
South Korea	17	20	31
North Korea	14	13	15
Thailand	11	12	19
India	11	11	7
Indonesia	8	7	17
Pakistan	4	4	9
Philippines	4	4	6
Iraq	2	4	6
Singapore	2	1	4
Malaysia	2	1	3
Mongolia	1	3	5
Lebanon	1	1	0
Syria	1	0	0
Burma	0	3	3
Hong Kong	0	2	3
Sri Lanka	0	0	2
Kuwait	0	0	1

Clobbers Pacers, 130-102

Pearl plays 500th game for Knicks

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP) — Earl Monroe played his 500th game in a New York Knicks uniform Tuesday night scoring 18 points in a reserve role as New York clobbered Indiana, 130-102.

He helped the Knicks to a Nov. 10, 1971, in a trade that sent Dave Stallworth and Mike Riordan to Baltimore. He helped the Knicks to a championship in 1973, and when the club fell on hard times the past few years, his magic show made watching basketball at Madison Square Garden an enjoyable experience.

Certainly, winning the 1973 title is my No. 1 mem-

ory," said Earl, now 34, "Bill Bradley, Walt Frazier, Dave Debusschere, Willis Reed — playing with them was most exhilarating."

Elsewhere in the National Basketball Association, the San Antonio Spurs beat the Cleveland Cavaliers, 103-96, the Milwaukee Bucks whipped the Seattle SuperSonics, 128-99, the Chicago Bulls defeated the Atlanta Hawks, 101-95 and the Philadelphia 76ers topped the San Diego Clippers, 124-113.

New York was never in trouble against Indiana, racing to a 30-18 lead on a Monroe jumper late in the first quar-

ter. The 130 points were a season high for the Knicks. Bob McAdoo led New York with 25 points, his second strong effort since returning to action after being sidelined for a month with a bruised toe.

Argentina sees Kempes marry

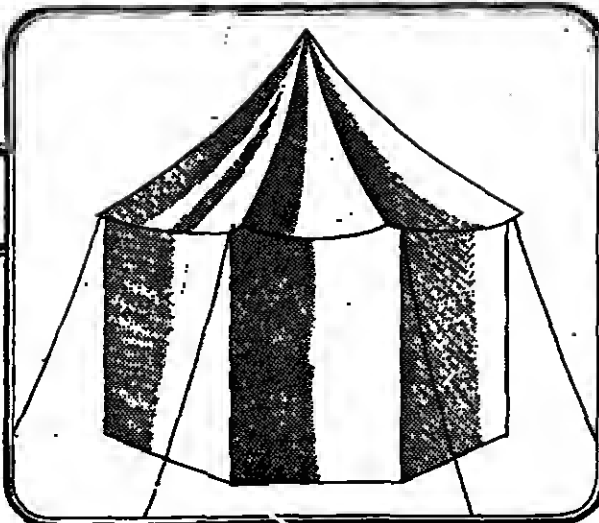
VALENCIA, Spain Dec. 20 (UPI) — Argentina's World Cup hero, Alberto Mario Kempes, married 18-year-old Maria Martinez of Spain Tuesday in a church ceremony televised live to Argentina. The entire Valencia soccer team and all its officials were present.

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Carter to send Congress package on world trade

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP) — President Carter's administration has decided to send Congress a big package of prospective international trade agreements about Jan. 1, a spokesman said.

They will include reductions in tariffs among 98 countries on billions of dollars worth of goods, and agreements on dismantling other barriers to trade.

For the first time to the Computer firm to cancel deal with Iran

DALLAS, Dec. 20 (AP) — A Dallas-based company has announced it will cancel a computer service contract with Iran because that government has failed to meet contract payment schedules.

Electronic Data Systems Corp. said it is continuing to discuss the contract with representatives of Iran's Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in an effort to clarify the government's intentions.

history of this kind of negotiation there will also be arrangements for trade in food and other farm products, notably wheat that will set up emergency stocks and try to regulate prices.

Robert Strauss, the president's trade representative, has said that the accord will benefit U.S. farmers, businessmen and consumers. If they have the expected effect of increasing U.S. exports in the long run, they will help stabilize the value of the dollar.

Full accord to the negotiations, which have been going on for more than four years, is expected in the spring. U.S. law requires that the president notify Congress 90 days in advance of his intention to make the agreements.

This period gives congressmen time to study the voluminous accord and see whether businessmen, farmers, labor unions or consumers in their

areas have objections that outweigh the benefits expected. The agreements cannot be effective unless both houses of Congress concur.

John C.L. Donaldson, the spokesman for Strauss, said the texts will be submitted "square brackets and all." In the texts of prospective international agreements, points still unsettled are enclosed in square brackets.

OPEC lends \$37 million to 7 nations

VIENNA, Dec. 20 (R) — Oil-exporting nations have given seven developing nations loans totalling \$37.55 million to help development projects and reduce balance of payments problems.

The special fund of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) awarded Kenya, Liberia, Tanzania, Jamaica and the Philippines \$21.1 million for industrial projects.

Moynihan wants OPEC to break up

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (Agencies) — U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan said that President Jimmy Carter should do what he can to destroy OPEC the international group that is raising the world price of oil.

The pro-Israel senator also said the price of oil in the United States should be raised to world levels to lessen U.S. dependence on the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

"I'm sorry if anybody doesn't like it, but that's the way I feel about it," he said to a year-end news conference in his office.

Moynihan said the Carter administration attitude toward OPEC should be: "How can we break it up? how can we smash it?"

He said the administration should try to make sure that "13 people do not get together in a hotel room in Abu Dhabi and raise the price of the single most important commodity traded in world commerce."

Dollar tumbles

LONDON, Dec. 20 (R) — The dollar tumbled on European foreign exchange markets Wednesday for the third day running.

The dollar's heaviest losses were against the traditionally strong currencies of West Germany and Switzerland.

The spectacular decline of the dollar's international value over the past year was one of the main reasons why the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) decided to raise oil prices by a total of 14.5 per cent in 1979, since the dollar is the currency in which oil is traditionally priced.

But the scare the increase touched off on the world's currency markets about the impact higher oil prices would have on the American economy has, for instance, already shaved 3.5 per cent off the dollar's value against the West German mark since Friday.

A lower dollar cushions importing nations against the higher price of oil, but OPEC has warned that should the dollar continue to depreciate it would raise oil prices again to compensate for the loss of revenue suffered by its 13 members.

The dollar has borne the brunt of the currency unrest because America is the world's biggest oil consumer.

The continuing political instability in Iran and the threat this represents to the non-Communist world's vital oil supplies have also contributed to the dollar's weakness in the last few days.

Indian rupee devalued 2.12%

BOMBAY, Dec. 20 (AP) — The Indian rupee was devalued by 2.12 per cent against the British pound Wednesday, the Reserve Bank of India reported.

At the new rate, a pound is worth 16.5 rupees, compared to 16.15 rupees earlier.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Cash	Transfer
Opening Wednesday	3.33	3.35
U.S. Dollar	6.76	6.74
Pound Sterling	181.00	181.75
Deutsche Mark (100)	204.00	204.00
Swiss F (100)	80.00	80.15
French F (100)	4.10	4.05
Italian Lira (1000)	112.00	112.00
Lebanese Lira (100)	81.00	85.75
Syrian Lira (100)	4.50	4.80
Egyptian Pound	12.50	12.25
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.40	11.32
Jordanian Dinar	87.50	86.80
Emirates Dirham (100)	87.50	86.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	8.75	8.68
Bahraini Dinar	46.00	46.50
Iranian Riyal (100)	9.85	—
Iraqi Dinar	74.00	73.30
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	—
South Yemeni Dinar	79.00	86.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	41.15
Indian Rupee (100)	23.500	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	2.730	—
Gold kg	665	—
10 Tola bar	—	—
Silver kg bar	—	—

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Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Municipality of Anak	Temporary asphaltting to the second phase of project No. 5/68D/11	xx	1500	Jan. 9
" " "	Dumping of swamps in the second phase of project No. 7/10/68D/11	xx	3000	Jan. 9
" " "	Construction of lavatory under project No. 8/68D/11	xx	350	Jan. 10
" " "	Building of a meat and vegetable market of 12 shops under project No. 2/68D/11	xx	600	Jan. 10
" " "	Fencing of graveyards and building of washhouse for the dead under project No. 4/68D/11	xx	2000	Jan. 10



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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF 20TH DECEMBER 1978

1-VESSELS DISCHARGING BERTH	VESSEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
1A	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—
2	SAMIR	ABU HASHISH	BRICKS	18.12.1978
3	ANNOULA TSIRIS	O.C.E.	REEFER	15.12.1978
4	HUNTER	KANOO	GENERAL	16.12.1978
5	PRIGNITZ	SHOBOKSHI	STEEL SHEETS, GEN.	19.12.1978
6	TITI B	FAYEZ	COFFEE, HORSE BEANS, OIL	17.12.1978
7	—	—	—	—
8	AMAL	BAABOUD	GENERAL	16.12.1978
9	HAI MAHMOOD	EL HAWI	TIMBER	20.12.1978
10	WINONA	ALSAADA	RICE & GENERAL	13.12.1978
11	GRIGORIOS V IV	ALPHA	REEFER, GENERAL	17.12.1978
12	MARKOS	BAROON	BAGS CEMENT	15.12.1978
13	GOLF DE TADJOURAH	BAABOUD	DURRA	16.12.1978
14	STALO 2	A.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	29.11.1978
15	—	—	—	—
16	—	—	—	—
17	ACHILLEUS	ROLACO	BULK CEMENT	21.11.1978
18	PEKARI	M.E.S.A.	BANANAS	16.12.1978
19	DIABOLEZZA	BARBER	TIMBER	20.12.1978
20	—	—	—	—
21	FILIPINAS SAUDI I	S.A.M.A.	ACCOMMODATION SHIP	—
22	—	—	—	—
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Vessels Working at Anchorage

NIL

2-Recent Arrivals

VESSEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
KHALIL STAR	S.A.M.A.	CHICKENS	19.12.1978
NAWEZA	ROLACO	STEEL	19.12.1978
PITTSBURGH	REZAYAT	CONTAINERS	19.12.1978
DIABOLEZZA	BARBER	TIMBER	19.12.1978
HAI MAHMOUD	EL HAWI	TIMBER	19.12.1978

3-Vessels Expected Within 24 Hours

VESSEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
HOLCOR I	ORRI	TIMBER	20.12.1978
JADE BAY	S.E.A.SIA	GENERAL	20.12.1978

4-TONNAGES DISCHARGED (Freight tons) : 31,470
WAITING TIME: NIL

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SAMA exchange rates

JEDDAH, Dec. 20 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency announced Wednesday the following foreign exchange rates based on the average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

Currency	Price
U.S. dollar	3.32
Pound sterling	6.70
Deutschmark	1.82
Swiss franc	2.3
French franc	0.79
Japanese yen (100)	1.72
Canadian dollar	2.80
Belgian franc (10)	1.12
Dutch guilder	1.67
Italian lira (100)	0.40

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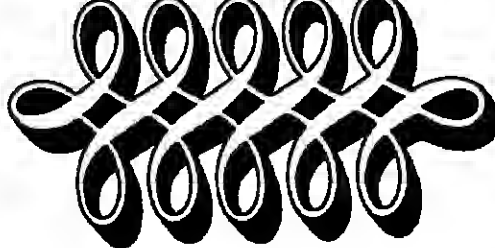
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DATE: 20.12.1978
TIME: 0700 HRS.

Vessels Working Berth No.	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
3	CLIMAX EMERALD	U.E.P.	GEN./RICE	18/12/1978
5	GEORGE L.	G.M.S.	GEN./STEEL	18/12/1978
6	PING CHAU	U.E.P.	GENERAL	18/12/1978
7	MING HONESTY	KANOO	TIM/STL/GEN.	20/12/1978
9	BEAVER BANK	KANOO	GEN./CONTR.	18/12/1978
10	PLOTINOS	KANOO	GEN./STEEL	17/12/1978
17	ALBATTANI	SOEASIA	HYDRATED LIME	16/12/1978
18	NADIA	KANOO	C. CEMENT	16/12/1978
21	ASIA ROSE (D.B.)	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	20/12/1978
22	LONG BEACH	REZAYAT	CONTAINERS	19/12/1978
26	FLORIDA MARU	GULF	PIPES	15/12/1978
28	NEDON	ORRI	GEN./LIME	—

Recent Arrivals

Vessel	Agent	Arrival Date
FIVE FLOWERS	SOEASIA	19/12/1978
MEMNON	BARBER	19/12/1978
MING HONESTY	KANOO	20/12/1978
LONG BEACH	REZAYAT	20/12/1978

Vessels Expected Within 24 Hours

Vessel	Agent	Expected Date
ASIA PALHO	GULF	20/12/1978
ANDREAS U	KANOO	20/12/1978
ARIES CHIEF	KANOO	20/12/1978
TOR CELDONIA	I.A.C.C.	20/12/1978
SEA STAR	KANOO	20/12/1978
KENLEY	SOEASIA	20/12/1978
RABENFELS	ALIREZA	20/12/1978
LEDEA	KANOO	20/12/1978
MALDIVE ENSIGN	ORRI	20/12/1978
NEDLLOYD LINGE	KANOO	20/12/1978
MARS BELL (2ND CALL)	ALIREZA	20/12/1978

TONNAGE DISCHARGED: 54,350
WAITING TIME: —NIL

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اسعار الاسهم في بورصة نيويورك SHARE INFORMATION

NEW YORK	Dec. 15	Dec. 14
Alcoa	34 1/2	34 1/2
Amstar	32 1/2	32 1/2
Armco	32 1/2	32 1/2
Avco	32 1/2	32 1/2
Boeing	32 1/2	32 1/2
Chrysler	32 1/2	32 1/2
DuPont	32 1/2	32 1/2
Eastman	32 1/2	32 1/2
Exxon	32 1/2	32 1/2
General Motors	32 1/2	32 1/2
IBM	32 1/2	32 1/2
Johnson & Johnson	32 1/2	32 1/2
Kodak	32 1/2	32 1/2
Lincoln	32 1/2	32 1/2
Lockheed	32 1/2	32 1/2
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Motorola	32 1/2	32 1/2
Rockwell	32 1/2	32 1/2
Spacelabs	32 1/2	32 1/2
Texas Instruments	32 1/2	32 1/2
Union Carbide	32 1/2	32 1/2
Walt Disney	32 1/2	32 1/2
Westinghouse	32 1/2	32 1/2
Yale	32 1/2	32 1/2

اسعار الاسهم في البورصات الدولية الرئيسية INTERNATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGES

GERMANY	TOKYO	AMSTERDAM
Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Dec. 15
Alcoa	34 1/2	34 1/2
Amstar	32 1/2	32 1/2
Armco	32 1/2	32 1/2
Avco	32 1/2	32 1/2
Boeing	32 1/2	32 1/2
Chrysler	32 1/2	32 1/2
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Westinghouse	32 1/2	32 1/2
Yale	32 1/2	32 1/2

اسعار بعض الاسهم المختارة من بورصة لندن LONDON STOCKS

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL	MINING STOCKS
Dec. 15	Dec. 15
Alcoa	34 1/2
Amstar	32 1/2
Armco	32 1/2
Avco	32 1/2
Boeing	32 1/2
Chrysler	32 1/2
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Westinghouse	32 1/2
Yale	32 1/2

COMMODITY PRICES

ROBUSTA COFFEE	SOYABEAN MEAL
Dec. 15	Dec. 15
Alcoa	34 1/2
Amstar	32 1/2
Armco	32 1/2
Avco	32 1/2
Boeing	32 1/2
Chrysler	32 1/2
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Walt Disney	32 1/2
Westinghouse	32 1/2
Yale	32 1/2

اسعار المواد والمعادن الرئيسية

COPPER	TIN
Dec. 15	Dec. 15
Alcoa	34 1/2
Amstar	32 1/2
Armco	32 1/2
Avco	32 1/2
Boeing	32 1/2
Chrysler	32 1/2
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اسعار الذهب والفضة

LONDON GOLD	DOLLAR CROSS RATES
Dec. 15	Dec. 15
Alcoa	34 1/2
Amstar	32 1/2
Armco	32 1/2
Avco	32 1/2
Boeing	32 1/2
Chrysler	32 1/2
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Walt Disney	32 1/2
Westinghouse	32 1/2
Yale	32 1/2

اسعار فوائده العملات الأوروبية

EURO CURRENCY INTEREST RATES	NEW YORK EXCHANGES OPENING
Dec. 15	Dec. 15
Alcoa	34 1/2
Amstar	32 1/2
Armco	32 1/2
Avco	32 1/2
Boeing	32 1/2
Chrysler	32 1/2
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YES, I'M STILL IN POLITICS, MENSCH -

STILL THE SAME OLD INCORRIGIBLE DO-GOODER -

HONEY, DID LESLIE GERLACH WEAR A BLUE DRESS TO Tootsie's PARTY LAST NIGHT?

YOU WOKE ME UP TO ASK THAT SILLY QUESTION?

OF COURSE I WOKE YOU UP!

YOU DIDN'T EXPECT ME TO CALL TOOTSIE AT THIS HOUR, DID YOU?

IT WAS A TOUGH GAME, BUT WE WON!

WE WON!!

HERE THEY COME, MEN! HOLD YOUR GROUND!

NOT LIKE THAT, DUMMIES!!

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SUBSTITUTE KING RETURNS LAND TO PEASANTS

HOW ABOUT, REAL KING RETURNS WIZARD TO LAND?

Dennis the Menace

"WHEN THEY WORK IN A GREAT PLACE LIKE THIS, HOW CAN THEY EVEN THINK ABOUT WHOSE TURN IT IS TO GO TO LUNCH?"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Prodigality
3 Large amount
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11 Sahib's maid-servant
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32 Pitch
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34 Glossy finish
35 Close, as a lock
36 Plunge
37 Layman in a monastery

DOWN
2 Upright's strongman
4 Off one's feet
41 Fearing that
42 Melville novel
1 Ne'er-do-well
2 Penny-vanilla city
3 Cole - iron range
4 Little one
5 Large pitcher
6 "That's Amore" man
7 Swiftly
8 - - - - -
9 Bishop of TV fame
10 Minnesota
27 Fuel remorse
28 Reward for valor
16 Holy-toady set
20 Embarrasment
21 Tiny figure
24 Take origin
25 Word with dash or stick
26 Pugged
28 Turban

Yesterday's Answer
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:
A X Y Z L B A A X R
= L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

WR PIQZ WUZ FZOWNJYWGRS
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JSCIWYUZF EGZWNK IWZWN

FINQ. - U. C. AZZYUZN
Yesterday's Cryptquote: LET'S ALL BE HAPPY AND LIVE WITHIN OUR MEANS - EVEN IF WE HAVE TO BORROW MONEY TO DO IT - ARTEMUS WARD

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NORTH
♠ 5
♥ 8 5
♦ A K 7
♣ A K 8 5 4 2

EAST
♠ 4 3 2
♥ Q J 6 3 2
♦ Q J 6 2
♣ Q J 10 8 7

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 9
♥ A K J 10 7 4
♦ 10 5 4
♣ -

This is one of the best double-dummy problems of all time. It was composed in 1936 by Sidney Lenz and was widely published in a contest promoted by a shaving cream company.

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1. If East discards a diamond on the second trick, you discard the king of clubs and take a trump finesse. You then lead a diamond to the king and take another trump finesse. When you now play four more rounds of trumps, your remaining cards will be the A-Q-J of spades and nine of diamonds, while dummy will have the five of spades, A-7 of diamonds and eight of clubs. West's last five cards, before discarding on your last trump lead, will be the K-10 of spades, Q-10 of diamonds and jack of clubs. Whatever he discards, you win the rest of the tricks.

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PRAYER TIMES.

THURSDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhur	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:35	7:10	12:25	3:29	5:46	7:16
Medina	5:39	7:05	12:27	3:25	5:41	7:11
Nejd	5:05	6:35	11:53	2:52	5:08	6:38

DHAHRAN TV

2:00 NCAA Football	Michigan State Vs Notre Dame
4:52 Children's Show	Gigglesort: Love Thy Animal
5:20 Eight Is Enough	Yes Nick, There's A Santa Claus
6:08 Delvecchio	A.P.B. Santa Claus
7:05 Ali's Fair	Love & Marriage Part 1
7:30 Mary Tyler Moore	Mary's Three Husbands
7:55 Barney Miller	Atomic Bomb
8:21 Rockford Files	The Family Hour
9:09 The Adventurers	Make It A Million
9:34 Command Performance	Nickelodeon

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours. Fine weather to prevail throughout the Kingdom, with the exception of the western coast over which the temperature will rise above the average and surface winds will blow southerly at moderate speed. The weather will tend to be cold at night over the northern and central regions. Sea conditions will be moderate to medium in the territorial waters.

Wednesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

	32	21	Tabuk	24	05
Mecca	35	19	Al-Jauf	21	03
Jeddah	35	19	Rafha	23	05
Riyadh	23	09	Bisha	23	05
Dhahran	23	10	Yanbu	33	17
Medina	24	15	Abha	20	06
Taif	21	06			

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VOA

P.M. 8:00 News Roundup Reports: Actualities Opinion: Analysis 8:30 Dateline News Summary 9:00 Special English: News; Feature, The Making of a Nation News Summary 9:30 Music USA (Standards) 10:00 News Roundup Reports: Actualities ~45 Opinion; Analysis	News Summary 8:30 VOA Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter. 11:00 Special English; News 11:30 Music USA: (Jazz) VOA WORLD REPORT Midnight 12:00 News...newsmakers' voices...correspondents reports...background features...media comments...news analyses.
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BBC

Morning Transmission 8:00 World News 8:09 *Twenty-Four Hours News Summary 8:30 *Sarah Ward 8:45 World Today 9:00 Newswatch 9:30 *Opera Star 10:00 World News 10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary 10:30 *Sarah Ward 10:45 *Something to Show You 11:00 World News 11:09 Reflections 11:15 Piano Style 11:30 Brain of Britain 1978 12:00 World News 12:09 British Press Review 12:15 World Today 12:30 Financial News 12:40 Look Ahead 12:45 The Tony Myatt Request Show Evening Transmission 1:15 Ulster in Focus 1:30 Discovery 2:00 World News 2:09 News about Britain 2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios 2:30 Sports International 2:40 Radio Newsweek 2:45 Promenade Concert 2:55 Sports Round-up 3:00 World News 3:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	 4:30 The Pleasure's Yours 5:15 Report on Religion 6:00 Radio Newsweek 6:15 *Outlook 7:00 World News 7:09 Commentary 7:15 *Sherlock Holmes 7:45 World Today 8:00 World News 8:09 *Books and Wisesse 8:30 *Take One 8:45 Sports Round-up 9:00 World News 9:09 News about Britain 9:15 Radio Newsweek 9:30 Farming World 10:00 Outlook News Summary 10:39 Stock Market Report 10:43 Look Ahead 10:45 Ulster in Focus 11:00 World News 11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary 11:30 The Pleasure's Yours Midnight Transmission 12:15 Talkabout 12:45 Nature Notebook 1:00 World News 1:09 World Today 1:25 Financial News 1:35 Book Choice 1:40 Reflections 1:45 Sports Round-up 2:00 World News 2:09 Commentary 2:15 The Face of England
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Your Individual Horoscope

FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1978

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Get in touch with agents, art galleries and publishers re creative work. A confusing or difficult work situation is solved in the p.m.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Try a fresh approach to an old problem re children or loved ones and you'll obtain speedy results. Go ahead with home-improvement plans.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
What seems to be an insoluble problem in the a.m. can be surmounted by the p.m. Make joyful plans with loved ones. Share thoughts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) ♋
Cash in on profitable work ideas. Get some fresh air and exercise as a tonic for mental cobwebs. Seek novel entertainments.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) ♌
There is no escape from a serious financial dilemma. Face facts, and then come up with a workable solution. Communicate with loved ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
If you feel like Scrooge this a.m., your dark moods will lift

as you talk things over with others. Let logic prevail.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Relieve inner tension by buying a gift for yourself. Before making a decision, talk things over with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Present money making ideas to a superior for an enthusiastic response. Socialize, but don't get entangled in problems you can't solve.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Communications with those at a distance should be uplifting. Don't let worry obscure your judgement re a career matter. Seek advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Keep money negotiations private. Avoid pessimism and verify reservations and time schedules, if traveling. New friends await you at a distance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
A muddled financial picture requires realistic thinking on your part. By the end of the day, you'll see a light at the end of the tunnel.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Today you'll get a glimpse of both the best and the worst in a partnership situation. Listen to the ideas of your boss re a work project.

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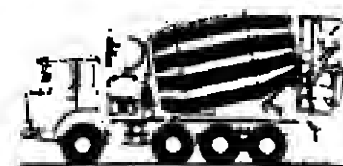
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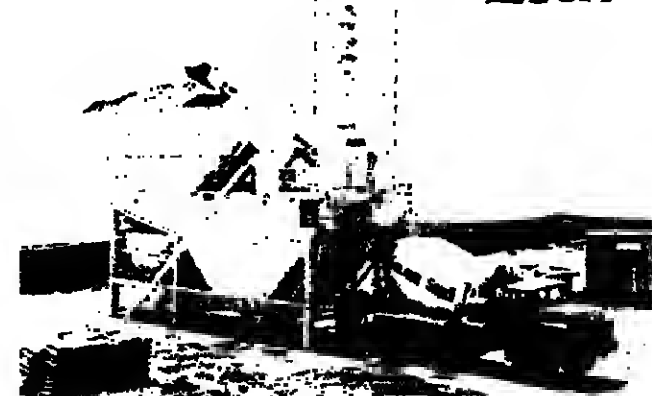
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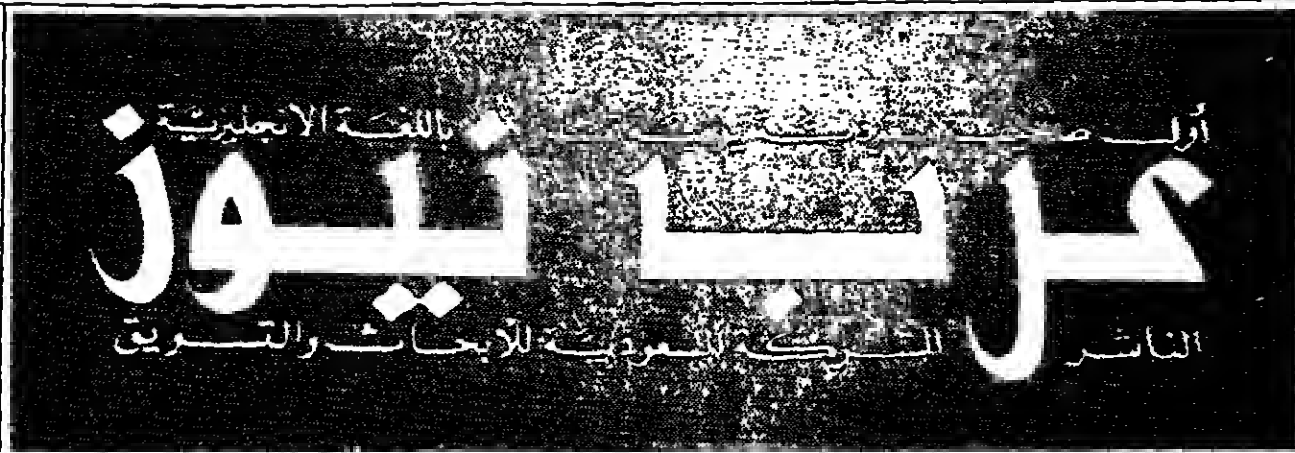
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Late News

Old opponent seen as Shah's pick for new civilian prime minister

TEHRAN, Dec. 20 (AP) — Dr. Gholam Hussein Sadiqi, a veteran 73-year-old politician and university lecturer, has emerged as frontrunner in a bid by the Shah to find a prime minister to head a new civilian government, informed sources reported Wednesday.

The sources said Sadiqi has accepted an offer of the premiership after the Shah agreed to a number of political conditions set by the former cabinet minister, who now is a sociology and philosophy professor at Tehran University.

The sources declined to specify what these conditions are. But they said the 59-year-old monarch, fighting for his throne amid widespread opposition to his one-man rule, has given Sadiqi two weeks to patch together a civilian government.

It would then take over from Gen. Gholam-Reza Azhari's military-led regime, appointed by the Shah Nov. 6 to restore order amid swelling violence. The Shah has been searching for a civilian leader acceptable to the opposition to replace Azhari.

The disclosures came the day after an authoritative source close to the Shah said it was unlikely a new government would be announced for at least another 10 days — much the same time scale cited by the sources Wednesday.

Sources close to Sadiqi said he has seen the Shah several times in recent days in his Niavaran Palace on Tehran's northeastern outskirts.

Despite the optimism expressed in circles close to the Shah that a political solution to Iran's turmoil may be in sight, there was still considerable scepticism in many quarters that Sadiqi could pull it all together.

Meanwhile, informed sources also reported that three more persons were killed Wednesday as Iran's bloodletting continued.

The sources said two agents of SAVAK, the Shah's hated secret police, were cubbed to death by a mob of the Shah's opponents in Tehran's sprawling bazaar.

One of the agents shot one of the mob before he was beaten to the ground, the sources added.

Troops scaled off part of the six-kilometer-square bazaar, heart of the capital's commercial life, and sporadic firing was heard throughout the day as soldiers shot in the air to disperse groups of demonstrators.

Two armed hijackers, demanding that former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi be released from jail, commandeered an Indian Airlines domestic jet Wednesday and forced it to land at Varanasi (Benares), 600 kilometers southeast of here, airline officials said.

After the landing, one of the 126 passengers escaped through a rear exit and ran in the control tower, they said.

Mrs. Gandhi was imprisoned Tuesday night, touching off a nationwide campaign of protests and violence by her supporters.

An Indian Airlines official said the gunmen, armed with a pistol and hand grenade, demanded the release of Mrs. Gandhi and a news conference to be organized by a state leader and attended by Prime Minister Morarji Desai, who moved the resolution in parliament against Mrs. Gandhi.

The airline identified the hijackers as D.N. Pandey and B.N. Pandey, both apparently Indian nationals.

Shortly after takeoff from Lucknow, capital of Uttar Pradesh state, the plane's captain radioed that trouble had broken out aboard the Boeing 737.

"A passenger got violent in the aircraft and made his way into the cockpit," the captain said.

The man ordered the plane to fly toward Patna, about 500 kilometers to the southeast, then redirected it to Varanasi.

The airline said all aboard the jet, which had a crew of six, were safe when it landed at Varanasi. Soon afterward, a passenger named S.K. Modi slipped out of the plane's rear exit and dashed to the control tower where he provided details on the hijacking, officials said.

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Combining wreckage

Two killed in U.K. train smash

BRIGHTON, England, Dec. 20 (UPI) — A speeding train that crashed into a stopped train at "Sweet Hill" bridge leaving at least two — possibly three — people dead and seven injured may have failed to stop because of a signal malfunction, officials said Wednesday.

Railroad officials and investigating police at Lewes said that two people, including the train's veteran driver, were killed in the crash and seven others wounded, one seriously enough to be taken to hospital. Reports of four dead in London's evening newspapers were incorrect.

But the railway added that searchers had come upon a tangle of blood-covered wreckage late Wednesday and "since none of the injured or dead were found near it, they feel there may be a body inside."

Also Wednesday, a Belfast-Dublin express train slammed into the back of a train sitting at a station in Lisburn, Northern Ireland, 16 km southwest of Belfast, killing the driver and slightly injuring seven others.

In the Brighton crash, railway officials said the London-to-Littlehampton train sped past a signal at Clayton Tunnel, one kilometer earlier, that should have been showing red for stop.

Investigators Wednesday tried to determine if the signal was working properly when the train passed.

Officials had signaled the standing train — a London-to-Brighton run — to stop at the bridge while police pulled an elderly woman who had fallen off the platform at Brighton free of the tracks.

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Aba Al-Khail arrives in Dacca

DACCA, Dec. 19 (R) — Saudi Arabia's finance and National Economy Minister, Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, arrived in Dacca Wednesday at the head of an economic delegation for a three-day visit to Bangladesh.

The five-member delegation will start talks with Bangladesh officials Thursday.

Though neither side has disclosed what will be discussed it is believed they will sign an economic cooperation agreement under which Saudi Arabia will give financial aid to Bangladesh.

The Kingdom has given aid worth \$350 million to Bangladesh which has the world's largest Muslim population after Indonesia.

At the airport where Bangladesh Finance Minister Dr. Mirza Nurul Huda welcomed the delegation Sheikh Muhammad told reporters: "Relations between Riyadh and Dacca have been growing satisfactorily for the last few years."

Saudi development aide in Syria

RIYADH, Dec. 20 (SPA) — Dr. Khaled Al-Masoud, deputy head of the Saudi Development Fund flew to Damascus Wednesday for talks with Syrian officials on SFD funding for Syrian projects.

Jubail desalinators to get homes

JEDDAH, Dec. 20 — The Water Desalination General Authority will build 2,200 apartments for engineers and technicians now working at the desalination plant in Jubail, "Okaz" newspaper reported Wednesday. A site for the biggest-ever project of its kind undertaken by the authority has been selected near the plant. The project will be commissioned shortly and is expected to take four years, when the desalination plant will also be complete.

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Fahd

Abdullah hosted a luncheon party in honor of the crown prince, attended by Prince Mish'al, Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation, members of the royal family, army commanders and senior civil and military officers.

The crown prince later saw some fencing exhibitions in the afternoon and alive ammunition exercise by the division's personnel in the evening.

At the evening exercise Prince Fahd said he was proud of the high standard of military training that the National Guard has reached.

He said he hoped that the same standard will be achieved by all members of the armed forces so that they may serve Islam and their country under the leadership of King Khaled.

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"These areas were subjected to barbaric shelling by enemy planes. At the same time, gunboats of the enemy simultaneously shelled the Sarafand area with heavy artillery and rockets."

The Wafa official said Palestinian commando and Lebanese nationalists in Sarafand returned the fire.

Western and Arab analysts in the Lebanese capital linked the Israeli strike to the stalemate that has developed in Egyptian-Israeli peace talks.

"Now that Camp David is on the rocks," said one Arab analyst, "Israel will feel free to hit Palestinian targets in Lebanon."

Lebanon's state radio said seven warplanes raided the Bourj el-Shimali refugee camp and five other Palestinian-held positions near Tyre.

The broadcast said puffs of smoke billowed from the air stricken areas as Israeli gunboats cruised at a close offshore distance opposite Tyre.

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International ban lifted from Hilal star Rivelino

JEDDAH, Dec. 20 (AP) — The International Federation of Football Associations (FIFA) announced Wednesday it has lifted the ban imposed two weeks ago on Al-Hilal's closed-season signing Roberto Rivelino, 33 AP reports.

Rivelino was suspended from playing professional soccer anywhere in the world until Hilal agreed to release \$200,000 to complete Rivelino's transfer fee from Fluminense, Brazil.

Wednesday's FIFA statement said the money had now been forwarded by Hilal and the suspension lifted.

The ban was imposed following a complaint to FIFA by the Brazilian Sports Confederation representing Fluminense.

Tuesday night, the Brazilian World Cup star scored Hilal's only goal before being substituted in the second-half in Hilal's 4-1 defeat at the hands of Italian First Division club, Roma.

Hilal said Tuesday night that the balance had been sent to FIFA before the match.

On Benares tarmac

Plane hijacked to free Indira

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After the landing, one of the 126 passengers escaped through a rear exit and ran in the control tower, they said.

Mrs. Gandhi was imprisoned Tuesday night, touching off a nationwide campaign of protests and violence by her supporters.

An Indian Airlines official said the gunmen, armed with a pistol and hand grenade, demanded the release of Mrs. Gandhi and a news conference to be organized by a state leader and attended by Prime Minister Morarji Desai, who moved the resolution in parliament against Mrs. Gandhi.

The airline identified the hijackers as D.N. Pandey and B.N. Pandey, both apparently Indian nationals.

Shortly after takeoff from Lucknow, capital of Uttar Pradesh state, the plane's captain radioed that trouble had broken out aboard the Boeing 737.

"A passenger got violent in the aircraft and made his way into the cockpit," the captain said.

The man ordered the plane to fly toward Patna, about 500 kilometers to the southeast, then redirected it to Varanasi.

The airline said all aboard the jet, which had a crew of six, were safe when it landed at Varanasi. Soon afterward, a passenger named S.K. Modi slipped out of the plane's rear exit and dashed to the control tower where he provided details on the hijacking, officials said.

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